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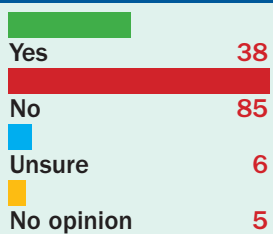
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REPORTER

Hundreds of government employees, their families, and friends turned the Civic Center in Susupe yesterday into a festival ground to celebrate years of hard work, resiliency, family and community ties, and arts and

'One heart, one family, one CNMI'

» **Government holds first Labor Day picnic in 8 years**

culture in observance of Labor Day after an eight-year hiatus. Fun, games, food, creativity, and camaraderie were the day's order.

The last time the CNMI government

held a Labor Day picnic was in 2005.

Today is the actual Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September every year. Most government offices are closed today.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) each thanked their employees and the entire government labor force for their hard work, sacrifices, and patience throughout the years.

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Government teams sweat it out to reach the finish line and back in a three-legged race at yesterday's whole-day Labor Day festivities at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Inos: Few millions in surplus

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REPORTER

The CNMI government expects to close the fiscal year on Sept. 30 with a few million dollars extra in its pocket—as much as \$5 million—as a result of steady growth in tourism arrivals and strict expenditure controls, according to Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday. However, he said the money will be used to address prior obligations instead of being set aside for a 2014 supplemental budget that will go to the NMI Retirement Fund.

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DPL OKs Suwaso's COP renovation

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio announced Friday that DPL has received, reviewed, and approved Suwaso Corp.'s over \$4 million plan to renovate the Coral Ocean Point. Without such a

renovation plan and execution, Suwaso's lease may be terminated.

» **Department also names 7 investor groups in RFP for Marpi, San Antonio land leases**

Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that \$4 million is a "minimum amount," and could increase should Suwaso need more to complete its renovation.

At the same time, the DPL secretary revealed the names of the
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» **Joint House, Senate panel begins 2014 budget work tomorrow**



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) at the opening ceremonies at yesterday's Labor Day festivities at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Inos eyes Torres among potential running mates

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday he has been considering a handful of individuals as his potential running mate in the 2014 gubernatorial elections and when asked whether Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) is among them, he said "yes."

"Yes I consider him a potential running mate but I do not want to preempt whatever plans he has," Inos said in an interview at the 2013 Labor Day festivities at the Civic Center in Susupe yesterday.

The governor, the titular leader of the Covenant Party, said he believes Torres "can do a lot for the CNMI."

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2nd Mariana Islands History Conference comes to a close

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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Over 100 historians, educators, students, and members of the community gathered at the University of Guam Fine Arts theatre last Saturday for the final half of the 2nd Mariana Islands History Conference.

"For the second year we are doing it again. We are preserving our history," said Northern Marianas Humanities Council chair Davit Attao. "We are one archipelago, with many stories, integrating our narratives from different perspectives. There are diverse perspectives on the island's past and we've had vigorous debates on certain issues, but most importantly scholars are sharing their research and findings these past two days."

The conference invited many

young scholars and longtime historians to create a dialogue surrounding the islands' rich history and plan ways to more effectively document events.

Dr. Anne Perez Hattori, UOG History and Chamorro professor, keynoted the event with a speech called "Chamorro Barmaids, Guam Congressmen, and the 21st Century Doings of Marianas History."

Hattori, an advocate for women in Marianas history, focused on an event that many historians have forgotten—the rejection of a legislative motion introduced in 1937 that would restrict Chamorro women from working in bars.

According to Hattori, the House of Council and the House of Assembly, composed of 29 male legislators, had a variety of opinions regarding women

working in bars. But in the end the motion was rejected by a vote of 16-13.

"This was an unsuccessful piece of legislation, it didn't result in any changes big or small, and it's an episode that has been really forgotten by history. Yet it can be nonetheless instructive to use," she said. "Our purpose today is to use this episode as a lens through which we might consider the place of gender in Marianas history as well as an opportunity to think of the doings of history in the 21st century."

Participants broke off into three groups with two sessions in the day covering over 18 topics revolving around Marianas history.

CNMI historian and author Don Farrell was present at the con-



Hattori



Attao

ference and described it as "outstanding and just plain fun."

"There are so many knowledgeable people speaking on so many different subjects that are all common interest to the people of the Marianas, whether you live north or south of the Rota channel," said Far-

rell, who also was a part of the steering committee this year. "A lot of these people are longtime friends of mine, and some I've never met before. Many of them are presenting concepts and new twists in history."

Farrell is currently working on his next book, *Modern History of the Northern Marianas*, and shared that he'll have to review some chapters and make subtle changes now that he has learned new information from the conference.

"Research and history never stops. Every time a historian writes history, it is out of date the minute he pushes the print button. Because somebody else is doing more work and looking deeper in different archives to bring forward new information," Farrell added.

Farrell also presented about current Marianas reunification efforts.

Frankie Eliptico, NMI Council for Humanities board

member, also participated.

"It has been a really great experience learning about the different perspectives and aspects of history. The discussions taking place have been very eye-opening," Eliptico said.

Archeologist John S. Castro; University of California, San Diego doctorate candidate Jessica Jordan; 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho and councilman Diego C. Kaipat; architect Herman B. Cabrera; San Vicente Elementary School bilingual teacher Maria M. Takai; and Northern Marianas College instructor Guadalupe C. Borja-Robinson presented at the two day conference and represented the CNMI.

The presenters' materials will be published by the *Pacific Daily News* in collaboration with the University of Guam, Guam Preservation Trust (guampreservationtrust.com/), Guampedia (guampedia.com/), and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council (www.nmihumanities.org/).



Audience members listen to presentations on day two of the conference.

THOMAS MANGLONA II

Homeliving & Style visits Saipan

Homeliving & Style, one of Korea's most popular special interest magazines, is in the Northern Mariana Islands this week to prepare a six-page feature on this beach resort destination.

Two representatives of the publication arrived in Saipan on Aug. 28, for a whirlwind three-day familiarization tour of the island that will bring the destination an estimated \$30,000 in advertising exposure in an upcoming issue this year.

While on Saipan, the editorial team will cover the Saipan SandCastle magic show, trekking to Forbidden Island, Mandi Asaian Spa, Garapan Street Market, Magahaha, and a sunset

dinner cruise. The team will also enjoy a barbecue dinner, take an island tour and go off-roading with Extreme Adventure.

"We welcome the representatives of *Homeliving & Style* magazine this week, and we anticipate their coverage will reach new potential visitors with details of the exciting vacation they can enjoy in the Northern Marianas," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

The FAM tour is supported by Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Asiana Airlines, and the MVA. *Homeliving & Style* has been published for 22 years in Korea. (MVA)



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Marianas Guidebook Features "Secret"



The **Marianas Guidebook**, a Korean-language travel guide of

the **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)**, has been updated to include current travel information on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The latest edition of the guidebook also features famous South Korean girl group "**Secret**," who signed on as honorary tourism ambassadors of the Northern Mariana Islands earlier this year.



The update include maps, highlights, and information on hotels, transportation, water activities, restaurants/bars/cafes, and festivals and other events. The 136-page publication also include background information on the history and culture of the



islands, as well as suggested itineraries for visitors.

Ten thousand copies of the this year's guidebook will be distributed to travel agencies and

land operators, at consumer and trade shows, through third-party co-op partners and incentive tour groups, and to other consumers.

Paid for with a federal grant from the Office of Insular Affairs.



Local

Liz Sablan Torres-Untalan, 60

Long-time Saipan nurse Elizabeth Sablan Torres-Untalan, better known as "Liz" or "Beck," passed away at the age of 60 last Monday, Aug. 26, in Austin, Texas due to cancer.

Untalan has worked at the Commonwealth Health Center and Department of Public Health for over 40 years.

An alumna of both Mount Carmel School and Marianas High School, Untalan earned her associate of degree in Nursing from the Community College of Micronesia. She then pursued higher education at California Sonoma State University and received her bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Untalan returned home and worked diligently to earn not just one nursing license but three, before landing her first job at the Public Health Clinic in Chalan Kanoa as its head nurse in 1975. She was certified to practice in California, Guam, and the CNMI.

Initially serving as a clinical nurse, her work eventually resulted in her promotion to the post of associate director at the Public Health and Commonwealth Health Center for nine years.

More recently, in 2003, she served as a peritoneal dialysis nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center until 2010 when she retired.

A well-educated nurse with years of experience in the hospital, Untalan still participated in many

training programs around the world. She took part in a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner Training Program in Torrance, California, where she was certified as a Woman's Health Care Nurse Practitioner. She was also involved in Geriatric Education and an "Aids, Death, and Dying" program in Guam.

But her work and determination as a nurse went far beyond the hospital room and participating in workshops. Untalan passionately voiced her opinions in debates revolving around the global and local health-care systems.

She took her passion for the health care system and skills she gained from her work experience to pursue her true passion: teaching her profession on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and an ardent healthcare provider, Untalan's family say that she will always be remembered for the unconditional love she has for her family and community.

Untalan is survived by her husband, Pedro, and their children.

Her body remains in Texas, but a Memorial Mass will be held at Kristo Rai Parish in Garapan tomorrow, Sept. 3, 10 am. *(Thomas Manglona II)*





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Juan Tenorio found not guilty

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Former lawmaker Juan I. Tenorio was acquitted of charges that he sexually abused an 11-year-old girl in May 2010.

After deliberating for less than two hours, six Superior Court jurors unanimously found the 64-year-old Tenorio not

guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman, who decided on the misdemeanor charges, also found Tenorio not guilty of assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Wiseman said he found the girl a credible witness but that he could not ignore Tenorio's

testimony that the touching of the girl's privates was not knowingly done.

Tenorio gave a small smile after hearing the verdict.

The girl, now 14 years old, was in the courtroom and was in tears as she was hugged by her teary-eyed mother and a family friend.

After the hearing was adjourned, Tenorio shook hands

with his lawyer, Robert T. Torres, and hugged his wife and other family members and relatives.

In an interview with reporters outside the court, Tenorio said he has forgiven his accuser.

"I just wish them [girl and her family] luck and they are always welcome to my house," the former House representative said.

In a separate interview, Torres said, "I respect the jury's verdict. I also respect the government's job in presenting its

case." However, he pointed out, they believe that what happened in May 2010 was not the offense that Tenorio was charged.

"We regret that it had to proceed to trial, but we believe that justice was done and we wish all the parties nothing but the best," the lawyer said.

Assistant attorneys general Margo Brown and Chemere McField refused to comment.

The trial began on Tuesday. The prosecution presented four witnesses, including the girl and her mother.

The girl testified that Tenorio massaged her and then touched her privates in May 2010 when she was just 11 years old.

The defense called four witnesses, including Tenorio.

Tenorio denied sexually abusing the girl. In his testimony, he acknowledged accidentally touching the girl's left breast with his right hand as he was watching TV. He said he was focused on a mixed martial arts fight and she sat beside him on the couch's arm and had leaned forward.

DPL

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seven investors that responded to a request for proposal to lease Marpi and San Antonio public lands to build new hotels with at least 200 rooms each.

These include KSA Corp.; Micronesia Resort Inc.; IN-NOASSET; Future Enterprises Inc. & Reading Investment & Securities and Korea Asset Investment Corp.; Delta America Inc. & Joong Ang Corp.; Honest Profit International Ltd.; and Tan Holdings Corp.

Tenorio wrote separate letters dated Aug. 28 to six of the participating investors, officially informing them that DPL has decided to accept Tan Holdings' submission "after considering the facts of this case and general principles of good government."

Tan Holdings submitted its bid on time, but to a wrong agency. Instead of the Division of Procurement and Supply, it submitted its proposal to DPL.

Tenorio said, "Tan Holdings made a good faith attempt to submit its proposal in a timely manner."

An inter-agency team to review the seven proposals has yet to meet as of yesterday.

COP renovation

DPL's Tenorio, in a statement on Friday, said one of the conditions for the continuity of Suwaso's lease was for it to submit as soon as possible a renovation

plan outlining all aspects of improvement to Coral Ocean Point's facilities.

He said this "will bring the facilities up to standard for occupancy and enjoyment of our visitors."

Tenorio wrote a May 1 letter to Suwaso, requiring it to submit the renovation plan.

"DPL has recently approved the renovation plans and has given Suwaso up to the end of August this year to commence the renovation and public improvement program. DPL is awaiting a completion schedule [that] will be submitted by Suwaso," Tenorio said.

Tenorio said DPL also imposed another important condition on Suwaso, requiring it to submit a certification from a local bank attesting to the deposit of over \$4 million. "These funds will be reserved to provide for all anticipated cost in connection with the renovation as presented in the plans submitted by Suwaso," he said.

RFP for public lands lease

DPL issued a first-of-its-kind request for proposal to lease public lands in Marpi and San Antonio to build hotels with at least 200 rooms each.

Some of the seven responding firms, however, made an offer to build hotels on both locations so it does not necessarily mean that there were only seven offers.

One of the seven proposers, Tan Holdings, submitted its proposal to DPL instead of the Di-

vision of Procurement and Supply. By the time DPL realized that the proposal in fact needed to be delivered to Procurement, the deadline for submission had already lapsed. Procurement accordingly rejected Tan Holdings' submission.

Tan Holdings protested the rejection on July 24.

Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan has determined that it lacks jurisdiction over the RFP and all other revenue-generating leases of public land. Thus, DPL had to decide whether or not to accept Tan Holdings' proposal.

"After considering both the facts of this case specifically, and principles of good government generally, I have decided that DPL shall accept Tan Holdings' submission," Tenorio said in his letters to all the participating groups of investors.

DPL provided copies of the separate letters to the investors on Friday.

Tenorio said Tan Holdings made a good faith attempt to submit its proposal in a timely manner.

"This is not a case in which a bidder made no attempt to submit its proposal until after the relevant deadline had run. To the contrary, Tan Holdings submitted its proposal in a timely manner, but mistakenly submitted the proposal to the incorrect agency. In light of Procurement and Supply's determination that it lacks jurisdiction, I do not believe that Tan Holdings' error was unreasonable,"

Oscar Torres.

Torres, who has been a probation officer with the Judiciary for seven years, said he's thankful for this day set aside to appreciate public servants.

"I am very happy and fortunate to still have a job in these times of struggles. We should all continue to make the CNMI a better place to live. There's a trend now, hopefully the economy continues to prosper," said Torres, who brought his wife and two children to the festivities.

Live song and cultural dance performances alternated with games and cha-cha for all at the festival ground.

The festivities also brought out the creativity among government officials and employees, as most of them adorned their designated tents to hold the bragging rights for the best decorated tents.

The Legislature's rendition of this year's "One heart, one family, one CNMI" theme won the

Tenorio said.

"Under these circumstances, I believe an otherwise compliant bidder should be treated with leniency," Tenorio added. "The fact that the documents were submitted to the wrong office did not, in our opinion, provide any qualitative advantage to the protestor's proposal over the others, thus giving it an advantage in a selection process."

The DPL secretary also said as a general principle, the greater the number of proposals under consideration, the greater the likelihood the selection committee will find the most beneficial arrangement for the CNMI.

"I am, however, unwilling to allow a minor defect based on a reasonable mistake to prevent the Selection Committee from considering the greatest number of otherwise compliant proposals," he added.

Vicente Sablan, consultant for Delta America Inc., one of the competing proposers, is accusing Tan Holdings of pulling strings, insisting that Tan Holdings submitted its proposal several hours late.

"If this incident was done by another company, we know that it never, never admitted if it was submitted late..." he added.

The three public lands that were subject of the RFP total 139,832 square meters—about 49,500 square meters in Marpi; some 49,505 square meters, also in Marpi; and some 40,827 square meters in San Antonio.

first place in the tent decorating competition. The centerpiece was a giant heart made of natural materials and flowers, while the whole tent was also adorned accordingly.

"Men's creativity was put to a test," the speaker quipped, as he explained how a few lawmakers, their staff and other members' staff—all men—stayed at the festival grounds from 2pm to about 9pm Saturday to decorate the Legislature's tent.

Their efforts paid off. Reps. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), and lawmakers' staffers were among those who gave the Legislature's tent its winning look.

Press secretary Angel Demapan later said the second placer in the tent decorating contest was the Office of Management and Budget/Capital Improvement Project/Scholarship Office team, while the third place winner was the Department of Public Safety team.

TORRES

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"He's young, energetic, he can contribute a lot to the progress of the Commonwealth," Inos said.

Torres, of the Republican Party, is so far among three potential gubernatorial candidates in 2014, including Inos. The third one is former House speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, now an independent.

Torres separately said he and the governor want the same good things for the CNMI, but there is no agreement as to any political partnership at this time.

On Friday, the two were seen together in a church, but both separately said they didn't know they would be seated beside each other. That's when a new round of talks spread out that they have already forged a

partnership.

Inos is running for governor under the Covenant Party in the 2014 polls, hoping that voters will allow him to continue implementing his recovery plan and other reforms to "put us back on track."

He said running for one full term will give him the opportunity to continue turning things around.

"I see good things happening but we need to do more," he said earlier, referring to addressing the NMI Retirement Fund, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and other public programs and services.

Inos ascended to the governor's post on Feb. 20 after former governor Benigno R. Fitial resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

SURPLUS

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He said new revenue sources will be needed for an estimated \$12 million supplemental budget for fiscal year 2014 to comply with the Fund settlement agreement, on top of the \$123.4 million budget that he hopes the Legislature will pass soon.

The estimated revenue available for government operations in fiscal year 2013 was \$114 million. Inos said that actual collections by the end of the fiscal year will be millions more than that.

Fiscal year 2013 runs from Oct. 1, 2012, to Sept. 30, 2013.

For fiscal year 2014—from Oct. 1, 2013, to Sept. 30, 2014—the projected revenue available for government operations is \$123.4 million.

The Senate and House of Representatives have rejected each other's versions of the 2014 budget bill a month before deadline. A six-member conference committee will meet for the first time tomorrow to hash out the budget differences between the House and Senate.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said he is confident that the differences "could be settled in two days" so the House and Senate may be able to act on a "compromise" budget by the end of this week or early next week.

The fiscal year 2014 budget

bill only provides for \$20 million in government remittance to the Retirement Fund. The tentatively approved settlement agreement requires \$25 million in remittance to the Fund in fiscal year 2014, as well as \$7 million to \$9 million in group health and life insurance plan funding from the government. This will be addressed in a supplemental budget.

However, there is still no telling how the government will be able to generate an additional \$12 million because major revenue-generating bills are still in the Legislature. These include the electronic gaming bill and Saipan casino gambling bill.

At the Labor Day festivities yesterday, the governor said he would like to provide salary increases but the government cannot afford to do that this year because of the Retirement Fund and other obligations.

"But I want people to look at it in a positive way. I think the economy is improving. There will be a chance to really address that. Employees have been deprived of these annual increases and so forth and the prices of goods have come up so definitely we will continue to work toward that, achieving that level where we have some resources we can share with the employees," he said.

That can happen "a few years from now," he said, unless there's going to be a "huge windfall" soon.

HEART

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The governor acknowledged that because of financial challenges, government employees were not able to receive decent salary increases and within-grade increases, and instead were subjected to austerity measures that included up to 16-hour cuts every payroll.

"Yet they show up to work every day. We acknowledge your efforts. I would like to thank you. Let's continue to work toward one heart, one family, one CNMI," the governor said on stage, referring to the theme of the 2013 Labor Day celebration.

In a later interview, the governor said it is not possible to give salary increases this year, owing to the NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement and other government obligations.

The Senate president also thanked the families of gov-

Lizama is now CPA's permanent executive director

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One of the Commonwealth Ports Authority's longest serving employees, MaryAnn Lizama, has been named the agency's new executive director.

The full board made the decision to permanently appoint Lizama to the post after a legal opinion issued Friday determined that the board, after failing to select a qualified candidate from its first pool of applicants, has the authority to hire someone internally who it deems fit to perform the tasks.

Lizama's appointment got the unanimous support of all seven board members led by chair Jose Lifofoi, vice chair Benigno Sablan, Fermin Sakisat, Thomas Kiyu Villagomez, Barrie Toves, Frances Mafnas, and newly installed Michael San Nicolas.

According to Lifofoi, this will be the first time in CPA's history that a female boss will take the agency's helm.

Lizama, who has been a CPA employee for the past 16 years, has been the acting CPA executive director since the board fired former executive director Ed Deleon Guerrero in March.

In an interview with Lizama on Friday, she said: "I am honored and humbled for the chance and opportunity given to me to lead the agency as its official executive director capacity. I am thankful for the board's confidence and trust and I will provide them utmost respect and transparency that they deserved."

Lizama will be paid an annual salary of \$70,000 and her employment contract will be subject to renewal each year.

Lizama rose from the CPA ranks. She was first hired as air

traffic control tower secretary for two years and then served as secretary and training coordinator for the aircraft rescue firefighters for more than five years. While with the agency, Lizama obtained her associate degree from the Northern Marianas College. When she got the chance to work for the then-CPA executive director at the admin office, Lizama found time to complete her bachelor's degree. She was then assigned at the Saipan seaport, first as its office manager until she became the ports mistress in 2008.

'Comptroller under board'

Legal counsel for the day Janet King also clarified with the board Friday that the agency's comptrol-

ler is under the board's authority.

According to board member Sablan, the board sought the legal opinion whether CPA management has authority over the comptroller after previous problems occurred when the comptroller would not report to the executive director, who is also tasked with knowing the financial status of the agency vis a vis its operation.

To clear the confusion on where the comptroller will report, the board agreed to include in the contract a provision that the comptroller must report to both the board chairman and the executive director.

After this issue was cleared, the full board adopted to permanently appoint Skye Aldan to the comptroller position. She will be given \$65,000 annual

contract, subject to renewal.

Aldan, a graduate of Northern Marianas Academy, has been the agency's accounting staff for almost a year now. She possesses an associate degree in accounting, a bachelor's in science degree in accounting, and a master's degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting.

The comptroller position became vacant on June 13 following the departure of Derek Sasamoto, whose employment contract was not renewed by the board, along with the termination of then executive director Deleon Guerrero.

Contract renewed

The board also unanimously voted Friday to renew the contract of Rota airport manager Martin

Mendiola for another year.

Mendiola replaced Tomas Manglona in the position in 2012. Under his renewed contract, he will continue to draw a \$50,000 salary. His contract will expire on Aug. 12, 2014.

» **Aldan is now comptroller; Rota airport manager's contract renewed**

Jewell to lead US delegation at Pacific Islands Forum Dialogue

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will lead the U.S. government delegation to the Pacific Islands Forum's Post Forum Dialogue on Sept. 6 in Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to highlight and build upon our historic relations with the peoples and nations of the Pacific.

Jewell's participation in the Dialogue and meetings with Pacific leaders will address a range of issues with Pacific Island nations, including global climate change and natural resource management, sustainable development, economic growth and security.

Jewell will lead a high-level U.S. delegation, with senior

officials from the U.S. Coast Guard, departments of State, Defense (United States Pacific Command), Interior, Energy, Health and Human Services, USAID, and the White House.

The U.S. Department of the Interior has administrative responsibility for coordinating federal policy in the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and oversight of federal programs and funds in the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. (DOI)



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Display of Romero's 'in-life' photo at trial opening opposed

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Attorney Janet H. King has opposed the government's request to allow the display of the "in-life" photograph of murdered bartender Emerita Romero dur-

ing the jury trial of her client, Joseph A. Crisostomo.

In Crisostomo's opposition filed in Superior Court on Friday, King argued that as the government has yet to present any evidence related to the photograph, no foundation has

been laid to support its admission. Under the Commonwealth Rules of Evidence, the admission of the photograph is not yet ripe, she added.

"If during trial the Commonwealth believes it can meet the burden established by the Com-

monwealth Rules of Evidence, then they should do so and at that time the court can make a ruling on the admissibility of the photograph just as it will any other evidence offered by the Commonwealth," she said.

King said the opening state-

ment of a trial is not a portion of the trial where evidence is admitted.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister had asked the court to permit the prosecution to display during its opening statements Romero's "in-life" photograph that was retrieved from her purse at the crime scene.

McAllister said that Romero's identity is an element of each crime charged and the photograph will be necessary for many witnesses to identify her. The prosecutor said that Romero's identity cannot be determined from crime scene photos due to decomposition.

In Crisostomo's reply, King said in this case, the identity of the murder victim to be made by a photograph is not an issue.

The lawyer said there is no dispute as to the identity of Romero based on an identification made by biometrics data from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

From an evidentiary perspective, King said the only cognizable purpose to display an "in life" photograph to the jury during opening statements is to inflame the passions of the jury at the outset of trial.

"Thus, if the Commonwealth has no real need to introduce the photograph, there is nothing against which to balance any prejudice to the defendant," she said.

King noted that the case law the Commonwealth cites to support its proposition of the acceptability of the use of a "in life" photograph during opening is "questionable at best."

The trial of 40-year-old Crisostomo will begin on Oct. 15, 2013.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found Romero's body at the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque on Feb. 7, 2012, two days after she was last seen boarding a car near her house in Garapan.

Firefighter, alleged pimp plead not guilty

Firefighter Richard S. Benavente and suspected pimp Annette N. Basa entered not guilty pleas on Friday on charges that they engaged in sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of two female minors.

Benavente, 43, pleaded not guilty to two counts of sexual exploitation of a child and two counts of attempted sexual exploitation of a child. Basa pleaded not guilty to two counts

of sex trafficking of children.

Benavente and Basa appeared with their respective lawyers, Mark Hanson and Steven Pixley. Assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy appeared for the U.S. government.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the jury trial for Benavente on Oct. 21, 2013, and for Basa on Oct. 28, 2013.

When asked by Manglona

if the parties had considered joining the trial, Badawy stated that they had not researched the issue and asked that the trial be set separately.

Hanson and Pixley agreed with Badawy.

Manglona remanded the defendants into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

According to the indictment, Benavente had sex with the two girls and recorded the in-

cident using a cell phone. This allegedly happened twice.

The indictment alleged that on April 1, 2013, Basa recruited and enticed the two minors to engage in "commercial sex act."

A Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent alleged that Benavente took videos of himself having sex with the two 15-year-old girls. Basa allegedly offered the girls to the firefighter in exchange for methamphetamine or "ice" and an unspecified amount of money. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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- Ride a bicycle that fits you and has working parts.
- Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Be visible. Wear bright clothing and reflective materials during the day.
- If you have to ride at night, you must have white headlight in the front and red lights or reflectors on the back of your bike. Reflective material on your clothing, helmet, backpack, is helpful at dusk, dawn, in bad weather or at night.
- Always pay attention to traffic. Never use headphones or talk on cell phone while you bike.
- Avoid dangers in the road.

Follow these rules when driving around bicyclists:

- Obey all signs and signals.
- Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the roadway unless there is a sign that says no bicycles.
- Stop, wait, or pass bicycles as you would a car.

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- 🚲 **Bicycles in the roadway are considered vehicles.**
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 - ➡ **Bicycle slowly and give pedestrians the right of way.**
 - ➡ **Don't bike into Grandma or baby brother in his stroller.**
 - ➡ **Follow the rules for pedestrians.**
 - ➡ Stop before crossing the street from a sidewalk to give motorists time to see you.
 - ➡ Make sure turning motorists see you by making eye contact.
 - ➡ Cross the road by walking your bicycle in the crosswalk just like a pedestrian.

Getting to School Safely

🚶 By Walking — Crossing the Street

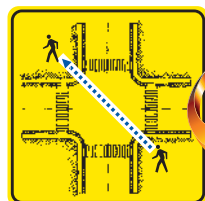
- 1 Walk to school with a group of kids and always have a responsible adult walk with you.
- 2 Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
- 3 If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
- 4 The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
- 5 If you are 10 years old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself. Ask an adult to tell you who can help you cross the street.
- 6 Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming. Do you know your left from your right? If you do, that is great! If you don't, here is a hint: when you hold your left hand up, your thumb and first finger will make the letter "L," and that stands for "left."
- 7 When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross. But look left-right-left as you do it, and hold the adult's hand.

🚲 By Riding Your Bicycle

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- 3 To ride safely, you need to know the rules of the road. Do you know what "the rules of the road" are for bicycles? If you don't, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
- 4 When you ride your bicycle, wearing a helmet helps to keep you safe. You should also wear bright colors during the day, and right before the sun rises or sets. This makes it easier for drivers to see you, and that helps to keep you safe, too.
- 5 Riding at night can be dangerous. If you have to ride your bicycle at night, you should ride with an adult. You should also have a white light on the front of your bicycle and a red reflector on the back. You can also get lights and reflective materials to put on your shoes, helmet and clothing. When light hits this material at night, it glows and makes it easier for a driver to see you!
- 6 Practice makes you more skilled at riding your bicycle. The more skilled you are at riding, the less likely you will be to crash. Practice riding skills in an empty parking lot or a place with no traffic. Practice such things as riding in a straight line, looking over your shoulder, signaling with your hands, and starting and stopping.

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FACTS FOR FEATURES

Labor Day 2013: Sept. 2

The first observance of Labor Day was likely on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. That celebration inspired similar events across the country, and by 1894 more than half the states were observing a "workingmen's holiday" on one day or another. Later that year, with Congress passing legislation and President Grover Cleveland signing the bill on June 29, the first Monday in September was designated "Labor Day." This national holiday is a creation of the labor movement in the late 19th century—and pays tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

WHO ARE WE CELEBRATING?

■ **155.7 million:** Number of people 16 and over in the nation's labor force in May 2013.

■ **847,516:** The number of paid employees (for pay period including March 12) who worked for a gasoline station in the U.S. in 2011. Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a holiday in February 1887. Oregon (9,634 paid gasoline station employees), along with New Jersey (15,734 paid gasoline station employees), are the only states without self-service gasoline stations.

■ **15.9 million:** The number of wage and salary workers age 16 and over represented by a union in 2012. This group includes both union members (14.4 million) and workers who report no union affiliation but whose jobs are covered by a union contract (1.6 million).

■ **14.5 million:** Number of female workers 16 and over in service occupations in 2011. Among male workers 16 and over, 11.2 million were employed in service-related occupations.

■ **1.9 percent:** Percentage

increase in employment in the U.S. between December 2011 and December 2012. Employment increased in 287 of the 328 largest counties (large counties are defined as having employment levels of 75,000 or more).

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER DOLLAR

■ **\$48,202 and \$37,118:** The 2011 real median earnings for male and female full-time, year-round workers, respectively.

FASTEST GROWING JOBS

■ **70 percent:** Projected percentage growth from 2010 to 2020 in the number of personal care aides (607,000). Analysts expect this occupation to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. Meanwhile, the occupation expected to add more positions over this period than any other is registered nurses (711,900).

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

■ **84.7 percent:** Percentage of full-time workers 18 to 64 covered by health insurance during all or part of 2011.

THE COMMUTE TO WORK

■ **5.7 million:** Number of commuters who left for work between midnight and 4:59 a.m. in 2011. They represented 4.3 percent of all commuters.

■ **4.3 percent:** Percentage of workers 16 and over who worked from home in 2011.

■ **76.4 percent:** Percentage of workers 16 and over who drove alone to work in 2011. Another 9.7 percent carpoled and 2.8 percent walked from home.

■ **25.5 minutes:** The average time it took workers in the U.S. to commute to work in 2011. Maryland and New York had the most time-consuming commutes, averaging 32.2 and 31.5 minutes, respectively.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

ARTICLE 12 INITIATIVE AMENDED

Senate wants non-NMD adoptees barred from owning land

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Senators passed Thursday night an initiative proposing to amend Article 12 of the NMI Constitution to allow any U.S. citizen with "at least some degree" of Chamorro or Carolinian blood to be considered a person of Northern Marianas descent and can therefore own land in the CNMI. But the passage came only after the Senate unanimously adopted Sen. Pete Reyes's (Ind-Saipan) amendment excluding adopted children without any NMD blood from land ownership. "This is for fairness' sake," Reyes said.

The Senate also passed a bill allowing members of the defined contribution plan to withdraw their account balance without having to quit their job.

Because of the Senate amendments, both the Article 12 initiative and the DC plan bill will have to go back to the House for its action.

The Article 12 initiative and the DC plan withdrawal bill were among the 13 bills and initiatives that the Senate passed on Thursday night.

Each one of the 13 bills and initiatives passed got an 8-0 vote.

If the House accepts the Senate amendment to House Legislative Initiative 18-1, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, this Article 12 initiative will be placed on the ballot in the November 2014 elections. The initiative was authored by Rep. Felicidad Ogomoro (R-Saipan).

Reyes said an adopted child without any NMD blood should not be eligible to own land, to be fair to those who have NMD blood but have not been able to own land in the CNMI.

"I think that is only fair. For far too long, it has been unfair to those with less than 25 percent NMD blood yet cannot own a land, while adopted children without any NMD blood are allowed to own land," Reyes said.

Currently, only those with at least 25 percent NMD blood can own land in the CNMI under the NMI Constitution's Article 12.

DC contribution withdrawal

Senators also passed House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 18-46, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, allowing government employees who opted to move to the DC plan to withdraw their contributions without terminating employment.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) offered an amended to allow only those with at least

two years DC plan contribution to withdraw their contributions. Her colleagues adopted the amendment.

Nobert Mendiola, a Department of Public Works employee, and Department of Corrections' Candido Aldan, who patiently attended the Senate session until early Thursday night, were elated to see the DC plan bill's passage.

"I hope the House will also act on it immediately," Mendiola said, who has been with the DC plan for over five years.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said the DC plan bill was not entertained during the last session because Gov. Eloy S. Inos, ASC and lawmakers were still discussing the proposal that will be acceptable to parties concerned.

8 bills headed to governor

Of the 13 measures passed on Thursday, eight are headed to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for action, while seven are either going back or headed to the House for the first time.

These include:

■ House Bill 18-29, HD2, by Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), amending the CNMI Weapons Control Act by imposing stricter gun safety and control while at the same time allowing outdoor shooting ranges and skeet shooting developments.

■ HB 18-116, by Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), requiring government agencies such as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to also secure from Department of Public Works a permit before any road cutting project.

■ SB 18-7, SS1, HD1, by Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), which mandates CUC to charge a lower water and wastewater rate for the Public School System.

■ HB 18-33, by Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), re-establishing the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners as an autonomous public agency.

■ HB 18-5, HD1, by Ogomoro, presenting to the voters in the next general election the question, "Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?"

■ SB 18-12, HD1, by Reyes, automatically terminating an executive appointment if an appointment that requires the Senate or the Senate and House consent is not submitted to the Legislature's presiding officers within a 30-day period. The person won't be re-ap-

pointed to the same post.

■ HB 18-19, HD1, by floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), establishing safety measure in instances where a vehicle overtakes a bicycle on a public road or highway.

■ HB 18-11, by Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), authorizing veterans' motor vehicle license plate for qualified veterans.

House-bound

Five bills are either headed to the House for the first time or going back to it, including the Article 12 initiative and the DC plan bill. The other three include:

■ SB 18-10, by Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), authorizing the Divi-

sion of Environmental Quality to set well water rates for commercial users.

■ SB 18-26, also by Hocog, authorizing the governor to negotiate a settlement and resolution of judgments against the CNMI government.

■ SB 18-25, SD1, by Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), requiring certificate of initial inspection for motor vehicles.

Confirmations

Senators also confirmed the governor's nominations of Felicitas "Tee" Abraham to serve on the Civil Service Commission and reappointment of Benigno M. Sablan to the Commonwealth Ports Authority

board of directors.

The Senate confirmed the two nominees on the same day the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government In-

vestigations held a public hearing on their nominations.

By a vote of 8-0, the Senate adopted the EAGI Committee reports on each of the nominees.

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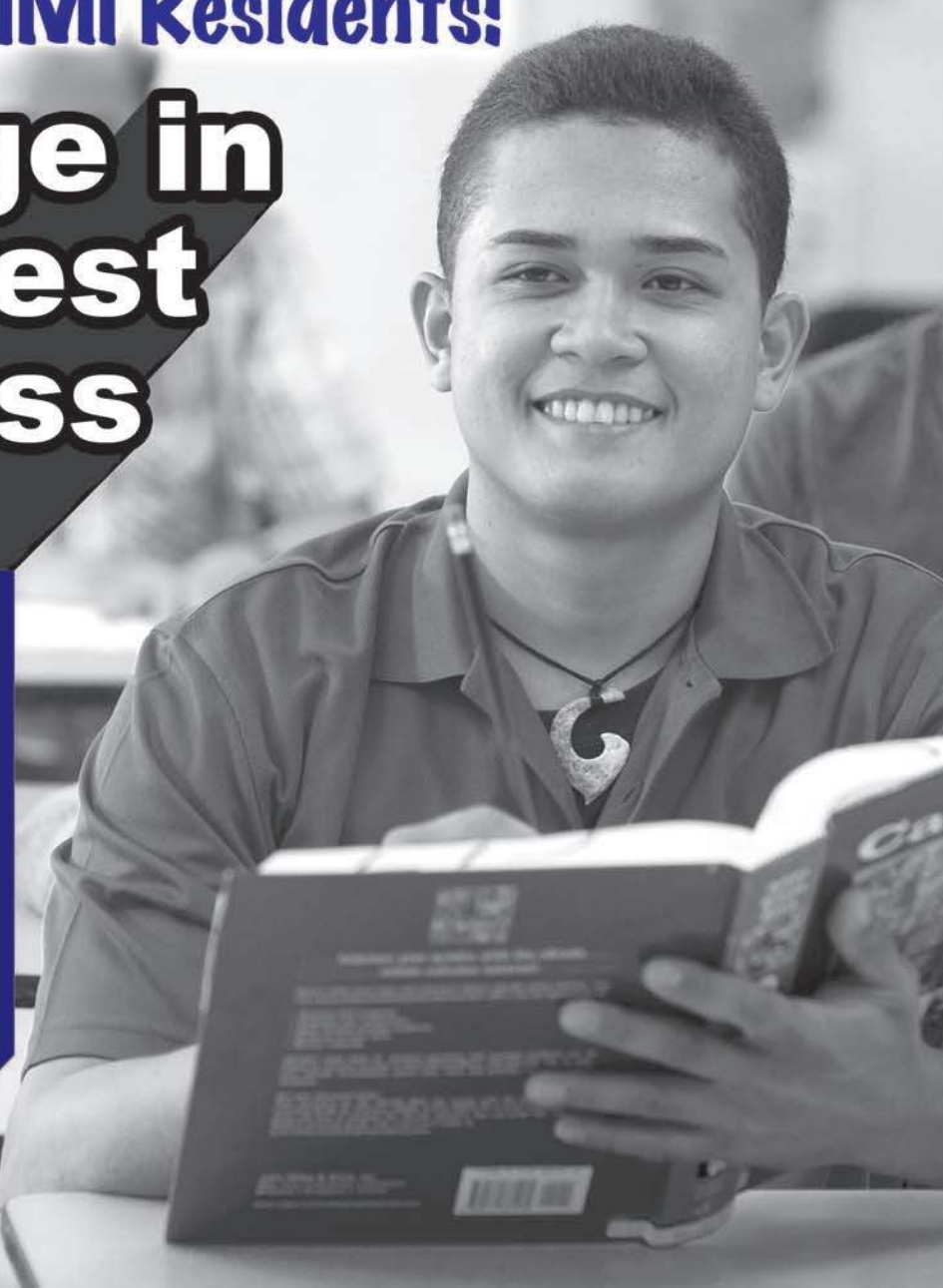
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'Key photos in sex abuse case missing'

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A disc that contains photos from the pediatric examination on a girl who was allegedly sexually abused could not be found by the government, according to defense counsel Richard W. Pierce on Thursday.

"This is more than mysterious," said Pierce, who filed a motion asking the Superior Court to dismiss the charges against 59-year-old Ho Jin Yoon.

Pierce said these photographs are vital for the defendant's experts and to understand the examination.

"The failure to disclose material evidence affecting credibility falls within the general rule that the missing or suppressed evidence may make the difference between conviction and acquittal," he said.

Pierce said a crime scene technician took the photos during the pediatric examination of the girl on March 18, 2013.

Pierce said that, on Aug. 15, 2013, Yoon filed a motion to compel the production of the videos made by the girl's mother and the photos taken by the crime scene technician during the pediatric examination. The lawyer said they got the videos but no photos.

He said a government related to him when they delivered the videos that the gov-

ernment is unable to find the disc with the photos.

Apparently, Pierce said, the crime scene technician claims that he does not recall the disc, although he signed for it.

Pierce said the videos produced by the mother and delivered by the government to Yoon under court order shows that the mother likely inserted her fingers into the girl's genital on March 17, 2013,

the day before her examination by the pediatrician at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Police arrested Yoon in March 2013 for allegedly sexually abusing a 6-year-old girl. Yoon owns four retail stores on Saipan and one retail store in Guam. He is out on bail.

WITHOUT RATE RELIEF, WAIVER FOR LATE CHARGES

PSS sees 'excessive' CUC rate this school year

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The passage of rate relief legislation and the approval of a waiver for penalty and late charges will play pivotal roles in the operation of public schools this new school year, according to Public School System consultant Ed Tenorio.

In his analysis of the new budget for public schools, Tenorio told the Board of Education that, if the rate relief and waiver are approved, the system is projected to incur only \$2.2 million in utility cost for the 12-month period this fiscal year 2014, which begins Oct. 1.

That's \$1.8 million that the system expects to save, he said. PSS was billed about \$4 million this fiscal year for school water and sewer and the penalties and late charges.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has filed a rate hike petition with the Public Utilities Commission effective October this year. Once approved, this will mean a higher

rates for the system.

Based on the 10-month budgetary operation of PSS, total CUC billing was at \$3.534 million from October 2012 through July 2013.

According to acting PSS finance director George Palican, shortfall incurred just for this 10-month period is \$1.272 million. Schools' utility consumption for the rest of the fiscal year was only budgeted at \$2.2 million—an amount that has already been exhausted.

Of the \$3.534 million total CUC billing, Palican disclosed that penalty and late charges alone is \$307,609, plus retro-billing for Garapan Elementary School amounting to \$15,417 and retro-billing for Saipan Southern High School at \$90,167.

"PSS is already 156-percent over-budget for 10 months [on utilities]. I think we will be OK in personnel for the rest of the fiscal year. It's just the CUC [bill] that we're concerned about," said Palican.

PSS was budgeted at \$31 mil-

lion for fiscal year 2013. With four more pay periods to the end of the fiscal year in October, the balance for personnel is \$4.241 million while "all others" has a meager \$42,575.

Education officials pointed out that PSS faithfully pays a portion of its unpaid obligation to CUC each month.

Saipan Tribune learned that of the \$3.5 million 10-month billing, over \$2 million has been paid. PSS has "old accounts" with CUC amounting to \$4.056 million in fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

CUC officials earlier assured that no public school will be disconnected despite the increasing amounts owed by PSS. However, the same officials were also firm that there is no plan at this time to waive the late charges for schools. CUC regulations require late charges to accrue at the rate of 1 percent per month on all past due balances. The only hope for PSS is to appeal this issue to the Public Utilities Commission, which is the regulating arm for CUC rates.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

September 2, 2005

State of emergency declared

Gov. Juan N. Babauta declared a state of emergency yesterday "to mobilize resources" in response to the damage wrought by Typhoon Nabi in the Commonwealth. At least six houses on Saipan were reported destroyed, while 109 people remained at emergency shelters, according to the Emergency Management Office yesterday. Babauta issued the emergency declaration through Executive Order No. 0502. Governor's authorized representative Vicky Villagomez said the situation warrants the emergency declaration, noting that, while some houses sustained minor damage only, there were some that were totally destroyed.

Bangladeshis barred from entering NMI

Beginning this month, Bangladeshi nationals may no longer travel to the CNMI, as part of the Commonwealth government's precaution against the alarming rate of document fraud in Bangladesh. The Attorney General's Office said the government began to enforce the immigration ban on Bangladeshis beginning yesterday. However, the ban will not cover Bangladeshi nationals who are already lawfully staying in the CNMI. Assistant attorney general Ian Catlett said Bangladesh remains on the list of excluded locations, the citizens of which may not travel into the CNMI unless they secure a waiver of exclusion from the OAG and comply with other immigration requirements.

September 2, 2006

CUC: 2007 energy goal is not feasible

The government's goal to produce 5 percent renewable energy by 2007 is simply not feasible, said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Thursday, citing the lack of time and finances. "CUC will submit a request for an extension of time because we only have a year. It requires a lot. It requires environmental impact assessment. There's a lot more that's involved here. As everybody knows, we seriously lack finances to [even] operate [now]," said CUC deputy executive director for operations Patrick Leon Guerrero during an open forum in Thursday's Marianas Roundtable - Focus on Energy.

Fund drops negotiations with Pharmacare

The NMI Retirement Fund has terminated its contract negotiations with Pharmacare, leaving only Aetna Global to handle both the third party administration of the Group Health Plan and prescription drug services. Acting Fund administrator Mark Aguon said this week that the Pharmacare contract was not pursued because Aetna's offer was "more cost-efficient." "During contract negotiations, we discovered Aetna's offer to provide pharmaceutical services to be more cost-efficient for the program as well as for the participants. Unfortunately, Pharmacare could not match the offer and the GHL program had no choice but to choose the most advantageous option for its participants," said Aguon in an e-mail.

September 2, 2007

'Another suspected illegal casino operator left CNMI'

The other operator of the alleged illegal casino at the Victoria Hotel in western Garapan has not been arrested as he has left the CNMI, according to the Attorney General's Office. In an interview with Saipan Tribune, assistant attorney general Anne-Marie Roy disclosed that Byoong Choi, the alleged partner of defendant Hideo Kato in the illegal Victoria casino, has not been taken to court yet because he is not in the Commonwealth. "He [Choi] is not in the jurisdiction. I don't know where he is," Roy said. Roy also stated that the two women who were found working at the illegal casino were not arrested. "I really don't have more information about them," the prosecutor said.

Firm to pay \$10.4K for wrongful termination

The Department of Labor has ordered the owner of a catering services company to pay \$10,492 to its alien worker who was not allowed to work and was wrongfully terminated from her job. Labor administrative hearing officer Barry Hirshbein said the evidence is overwhelming that Eduardo Sacramento, owner of Jolly Kat Catering Services, is at fault in this case. Hirshbein ruled that complainant Ainee Besitulo is entitled to compensation. "Respondent did not employ complainant as required by the contract and conditional grant of transfer. The termination was not proper," the hearing officer said.

Those who toil in labor are truly honorable for in their hands the society depends. A big salute to all the working men and women of the CNMI.



Happy Labor Day!

Greetings from

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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Mayor's Office wants to plant flowers along pathway

'4 children appear traumatized after seeing mom being beaten'

Police said that four children appear to be traumatized after their father allegedly beat up their mother and one of them at their house in San Antonio Wednesday afternoon.

A 7-year-old boy had bruises on his cheeks, while his mother had bruises on her head, hip, and right wrist. Both were treated at the Commonwealth Health Center, police said.

Helimar Ayala Santiago 27, was arrested later that afternoon in Garapan. He was taken to Superior Court Friday on charges of assault and battery, child abuse or neglect, and disturbing the peace. He is being kept on a \$10,000 cash bail.

Police detective Jesse K. Seman stated in his report that police officer Norris Kwon responded to a house in San Antonio on Wednesday at 2:15pm after a man reported a disturbance.

Seman said that Kwon met with Santiago's common-law wife, who was carrying an infant and was shaking and crying.

Seman said that Kwon also saw four other children at the house who all "looked traumatized."

Kwon learned that Santiago allegedly beat up the common-law wife and slapped their son. The wife told Kwon that Santiago held her in the neck and threw her to the ground in front of the house's door. While she was on the ground, the defendant allegedly stepped on her chest, then dragged her inside their apartment where he punched her head several times.

At the time, their children were in their car so she yelled out for someone to call the police. Santiago allegedly screamed at their 7-year-old son and his siblings to get out of the car. As the boy was walking to the back of the car, Santiago allegedly slapped his face. The boy began crying as he and his siblings got off the car as fast as they could. Santiago then drove off with the car.

At 4:12pm, two police officers spotted the car parked at a computer repair establishment in Garapan. One officer walked into the establishment and saw Santiago.

Police said Santiago denied beating up his wife, but admitted hitting the boy. He was then arrested. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

AlumKnight recognized as AP scholar

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A local student was recently honored as one of the very few students in the nation to be recognized as an AP Scholar.

Mount Carmel School 2013 graduate Feng Liang Lizama was recently recognized by the College Board as an AP Scholar, based on her outstanding performance in the 2013 Advanced Placement Exams.

Lizama was the 2013 class valedictorian of MCS and is currently enrolled at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

The College Board confers this distinction on the top male and female students in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken. In her case, Lizama scored a 3 or above on the exams for English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, and Calculus.

MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero said he is very proud of Lizama's achievement.

"We are very proud of Feng. She has always been a very studious and hardworking scholar, and this honor validates everything that she has accomplished, as well as how much her parents have supported her in her studies," said Deleon Guerrero, who was also Lizama's AP English teacher.



Lizama

Mount Carmel School offers AP classes in several subjects, including English literature and composition, U.S. history, calculus, biology, and U.S. government and politics. The College Board's AP Program provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

In 2013, more than 2.2 million students representing more than 18,000 high schools, both public and nonpublic, took about 4 million AP Exams. On nearly 60 percent of these exams, students received scores of 3 or higher on a five-point scale, which potentially qualifies them for credit, advanced placement or both at colleges and universities worldwide.

The Saipan's Mayor Office is now training its sights on planting flowers along the sides of the Beach Road pathway after its revegetation efforts on highway medians were capped by the Department of Public Works.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores told *Saipan Tribune* that his office wants to extend its island beautification project by planting flowers they are currently cultivating at their orchard in Chalan Kanoa along the sides of Saipan's famous beach pathway.

Spaces ideal for the planting of flowers along the beach pathway is from the area across the JP Center Building in Garapan to Oleai Beach Bar and Grill in Oleai.

Flores said they still have to get the permission of the Coastal Resources Management and Division of Environmental Quality before they can start the project.

He said the plan is for the flowers to be bordered by logs to make it more aesthetically pleasant, not only for the island's tourists but also for local residents who uses the pathway for exercise and leisure walking.

Flores said the best way to make sure that Saipan remains a "green" island is to plant flowers where tourists frequent and the best candidate for that is the pathway.

The Saipan mayor said his office is preparing for this latest island beautification effort by planting several species of colorful flowers at its nursery beside the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa.

Saipan Mayor's Office staff Antonio "Sonny" Mateo is managing the nursery in Chalan Kanoa.

Flores said if DEQ and CRM could issue the permits it needs to go through with the project, he hopes to start planting the flowers by year's end.

In early July, the Saipan Mayor's Office and the Marianas Visitors Authority criti-

cized DPW for going ahead with its capping of highway medians, which originally contained flowers and other plants planted by the former and other volunteer groups.

DPS argued then that it had to weed out the flowers and plants because they were hard and costly to maintain and could become a safety hazard for motorists. It also said that small squares were actually left for MVA and the mayor's office to continue its beautification efforts. DPW Secretary Martin Sablan and Tudela eventually kissed and made up and are now cooperating in islandwide cleanup efforts like the trimming of tree branches, among others. *(Mark Rabago)*



Flores



Governor Eloy S. Inos



Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider

Håfa adai, Tirow wáámi

This Labor Day, let's seize the opportunity to enjoy the company of our friends, families and co-workers and to salute the efforts of our hard working employees in the public and private sectors. Our human resources are the most valuable resources we possess. Without you, the wheels of commerce and government would come to a halt.

Government employees work tirelessly to bring essential services to the people of the Commonwealth. You operate the schools, hospitals, police stations and agencies that affect the lives of every citizen. Private industry employees bring us the needed commodities that help us enjoy a higher standard of living. We wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing Labor Day. You've earned it!

Thank you, Si Yu'os ma'äse', and Olomwaay reemi.

ELOY S. INOS

JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER

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A measured response on Syria

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, Aug. 29:

The Obama administration is telegraphing that it will likely take military action to punish the Syrian government, which it accuses of using chemical weapons against civilians. But it won't inflict the damage necessary to drive President Bashar Assad from power. That calibrated response has come in for criticism, but it's preferable to the alternatives of either ignoring an atrocity or embarking on what could be a costly intervention in a civil war.

There is no guarantee that the sort of operation the administration is contemplating—the launching of cruise missiles from ships or submarines—will deter Assad from resorting to chemical warfare in the future, though proponents of this response obviously hope that proves to be the case. It's also true that any projection of U.S. force in the Middle East runs the risk of inviting reprisals against U.S. interests and allies. Finally, it's troubling that the administration seems uninterested in seeking formal approval from Congress.

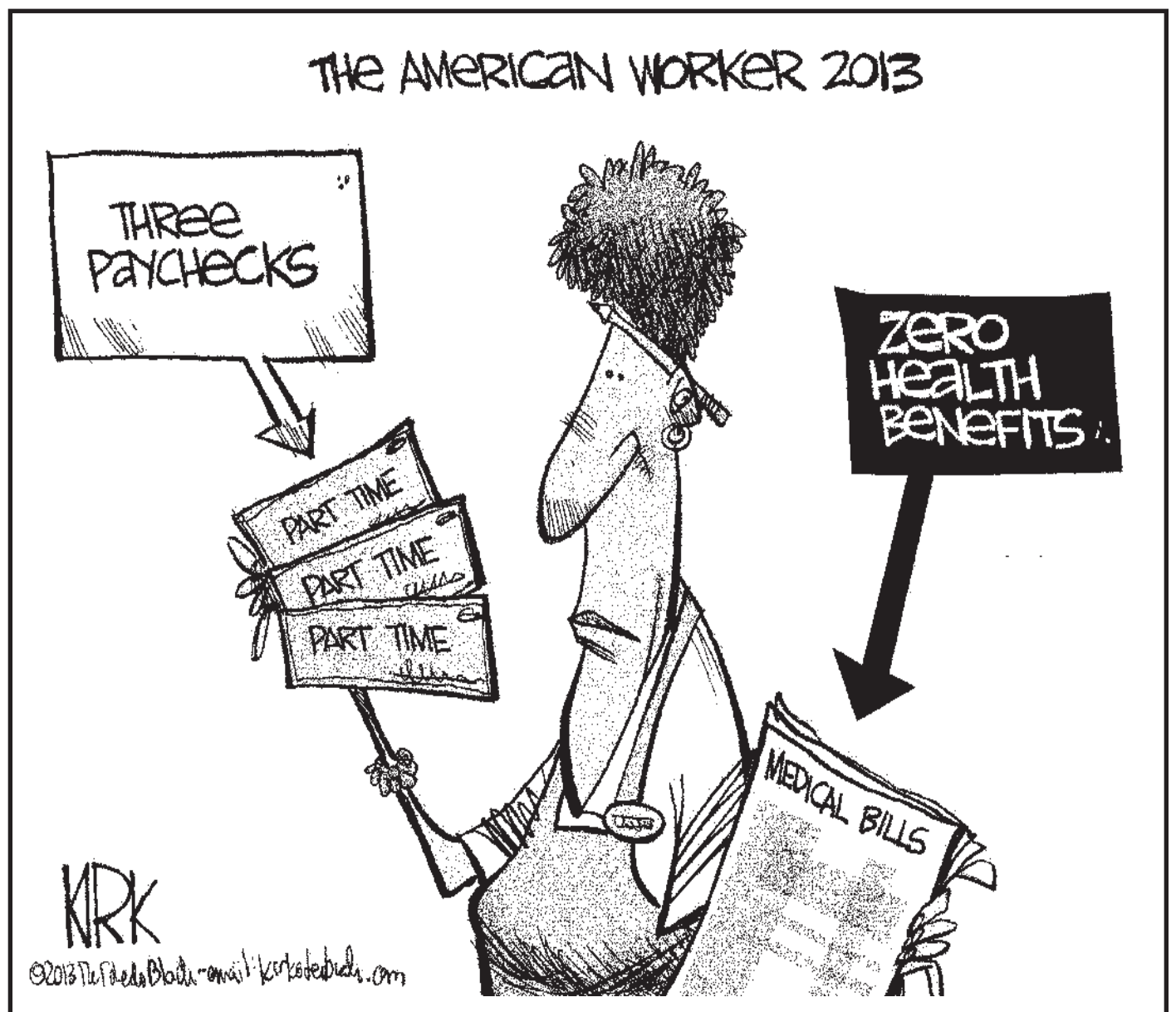
But there is a reason the administration, which has been admirably cautious about involving this country in another conflict in the Middle East, has decided it must act. It's the same reason that the leaders of France and Britain have cited as those nations weigh a military response.

Although conventional weapons cause death and injuries, since World War I chemical weapons have rightly been viewed by civilized nations as particularly abhorrent; if their apparent deployment in Syria goes unpunished, other governments and movements might be emboldened to violate that taboo, with far-reaching and potentially tragic consequences. Even if Obama had never described the use of chemical weapons as a “red line,” the deaths outside Damascus would have demanded an American response.

Now that the administration has indicated that it's willing to take some military action, it will be urged by some voices in Syria and in this country to add regime-change to its objectives.

The U.S. has made it clear that Syria would be better off without Assad. It has promised additional aid to some rebel groups and has worked to ensure that a post-Assad government would be democratic and inclusive. But a U.S. military campaign designed to overthrow Assad would be dangerous and provocative. The administration is wise to resist the notion of “in for a penny, in for a pound.”

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Obama and the power to go to war

With the Obama administration planning what it describes as limited military strikes to punish Syria for its alleged use of chemical weapons, public discussion over the legality of U.S. action has addressed mainly questions of international law. Commentators debate whether the United States may take action without authorization from the U.N. Security Council. That is an important question. But debate within the United States typically ignores a separate, more fundamental question: Does the Constitution authorize President Obama to take military action against Syria without congressional approval?

When he was running for president in 2007, Obama, a former constitutional law professor, told reporter Charlie Savage that “the president does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.” That was an accurate description of U.S. law.

The drafters of the Constitution assigned Congress the power to declare war. Records from the constitutional convention in Philadelphia show the framers recognized that, in an emergency, the president could act unilaterally to repel a sudden attack against the United States. This was a consensus view. Even Alexander Hamilton, who had the broadest view of executive power, acknowledged that under the Constitution, “it is the peculiar and exclusive province of Congress, when the nation is at peace, to change that state into a state of war; ... it belongs to Congress only, to go to war.”

As Louis Fisher of the Constitution Project concludes: “The framers placed in Congress the authority to initiate war because they believed that executives, in their search for fame and personal glory, had a natural appetite for war and military initiatives, all of which inflicted heavy costs on the interests and liberties of their people.”

As candidate Obama recognized in 2007, the president needs congressional authorization for a military attack that is not related to an actual or imminent threat to the United States. What is happening in Syria is an ongoing atrocity. Tens of thousands of people have been killed—some, it appears, by the Bashar Assad government's use of chemical weapons. This is a moral outrage. But it is not a direct threat to the United States, and the Obama administration does not suggest otherwise.

In order to find domestic authority for its actions, the administration would probably cite the War Powers Resolution of 1973, which seems to provide authority for the president to take the nation to

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war for up to 60 days or, in some circumstances, 90 days, without congressional approval as long as the president reports on his actions to Congress. The problem, however, is that the resolution—a legislative act—cannot trump the Constitution.

Since 1973, presidents and advocates of broad presidential power have argued that the resolution unconstitutionally limits the president's ability to use military force. They are right that it is unconstitutional, but their reasoning is backward. The resolution is unconstitutional because it gives the president too much power by assigning some of Congress' war power to the president. It does not provide legitimate authority for the Obama administration to order military action in Syria.

It is true that presidents—including Obama in the case of Libya two years ago—have ordered military action without congressional approval. The most notorious case is President Truman's unilateral decision to send U.S. troops to the Korean peninsula. But past presidential practice cannot amend the Constitution.

None of this means the U.S. government is powerless to act. The Constitution provides a procedure: Congress can authorize the use of military force. If Obama believes military action in Syria is in the national interest, he should make his case to Congress and the public, as more than 100 lawmakers have urged.

Despite the horror of what is happening in Syria, history teaches that there is good reason for Congress and the public to ask questions. Military operations intended to be limited may turn into protracted action. Military strikes intended to be “surgical” may affect civilians. Military action against the abhorrent Assad regime may unintentionally help opponents of it, some of whom have ties to terrorist groups. As candidate Obama would have recognized in 2007, that is exactly why unilateral presidential action would be neither wise nor constitutional.

Island ferry proposal

In dire economic straits, it's good to push the idea of an interisland ferry system. The primary focus is to reduce the shipping cost of basic commodities, especially for Tinian and Rota.

A recommendation that we purchase via federal funds a certain Alaskan ferryboat of some \$80 million is woefully expensive. This is a bit too steep even for Uncle Sam and not when we see flashes of the shiniest machetes being paraded in and out of both chambers of Congress.

A ship of about 150 feet with automobile roll on/off capability and a couple 40-foot containers ought to do the job in its initial stage. I understand DPW would be issuing an RFP for this purpose. With such a plan, interested proposers should get their proposals ready for submission. This should be awarded to the lowest bidder.

When this aspect is completed, the two mayors (Tinian and Rota) ought to meet and work out an operation plan on the new ferryboat. A fully thought-out plan ought to work wonders in bringing the cost of basic commodities way below where they are today. Our brothers and sisters need it badly!

Of cutting NMI cost

A proposal is on the table to lower the number of legislators from 29-18, authored by Rep. Chris DeLeon Guerrero. It seems we've heard this song before, haven't we? So it isn't a new innovation by any stretch of the imagination, *di ba?*

What's left of the suspect innovative proposal is the redundancy in perpetuity with which legislators simply demonstrate their lack of real resolve to literally cut down NMI government expenditure. Wouldn't a 10-member unicameral system be better over the now bloated bicameral system, more than half the members clueless of substantive issues?

A bicameral system with annual expenditure of \$4.8 million prolonging failed policies at the expense of taxpayers in bad economic times is a tale in itself. It is sufficient an indicator it's time to begin bringing in candidates with outstanding credentials and experience most capable of seeing the forest over the trees or visions "beyond the years."

Free trade zones

There's another recently signed lame law in the backyard, the so-

Labor Day statement

On Labor Day, we pay tribute and say thanks to the people who build our nation's strength, character and prosperity. American workers are the most industrious, the most capable and the most diligent in the world. There is no challenge they don't embrace, no hardship they can't overcome.

Our grit and determination has been put to the test recently, as we've endured the most crippling recession in 80 years. But now we are turning the corner. In the past 41 months, we've created 7.3 million jobs. The auto industry, which was flat on its back a few years ago, is surging again. Unemployment is at its lowest level since 2008. And the economy continues to grow as we provide affordable health care for every American. But there's no question we can and must do more.

Our common agenda must be jobs, jobs, jobs. Working together, we can unleash the economy's full potential, secure a better bargain for the middle class and expand opportunities for everyone.

Over the past 100 years, one federal agency has been workers'

called "free trade zone." It's a practical piece of legislation for "in-country" use, i.e., independent countries designating specific areas to lure large foreign investment capital. Highly doubtful it'll work in the NMI.

Free trade zone incentives include 100 percent foreign company ownership, 100 percent repatriation of capital and profits, 100 percent corporate, personal income tax exemptions; exemption from all import and export duties; abundant and inexpensive energy; inexpensive workforce and easy recruitment; and, one-stop-shop administration services. High cost of utilities is more than sufficient to discourage any meaningful investment in the NMI.

Furthermore, when viewed against the "supremacy of laws," can the local law nullify federal immigration, federal minimum wage, mirror image tax, other federal laws impending or now in place, including nullifying the high cost of utilities?

It's obvious that the major issues listed herein have done nothing but create uncertainty, not to mention our time-honored ability to shift gears in midstream. Would investors move to a venue where "uncertainty" would drain them of their lifetime savings?

Moreover, is the NMI a highly competitive chain of islands endowed with natural resources? What's the envisioned "manufacturing" firm per the prism of clueless leadership? Or is this just another publicity stunt to keep busy while the public learns it's another bone soup hallucination?

Isn't it obvious that the economic fate of the NMI is dependent upon the elected elite repealing predatory policies that stifle economic growth?

Strangling and stifling federal and local laws have definitely forced the exodus of major investments in recent past to the tune of some \$7 billion. Call it "free trade zone" or any other moniker or acronym; the issue to reviving investment is dictated by clear-cut investment-friendly policies. Must make an accounting of predatory policies that must be followed by implementation of reforms to remedy shortcomings.

DPS must fulfill obligation

About six months ago, the new DPS commissioner vowed to rebuild a sense of public trust in DPS. Felt good about his pronouncement but somehow it keeps sinking and disintegrating at the base.

strongest ally and fiercest advocate: the U.S. Department of Labor. Our job is to make the American Dream a reality for all. To do that, we are investing in higher education and working closely with employers to provide workers with the state-of-the-art skills they need to succeed in 21st century jobs. We're making sure workers come home safely to their families at the end of every day, partnering with responsible employers to ensure the most exacting standards on occupational safety and health. We're continuing our strong efforts and unparalleled commitment to protect workers' benefits, so they can retire with dignity and security. And we're fighting for an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. It's a moral and economic imperative that we raise the federal minimum wage. People who work full-time in America shouldn't live in poverty.

On Labor Day, we reflect on the men and women whose heads, hearts and hands have made ours the strongest economy the world has ever known. To meet the challenges ahead, we must draw inspi-

gnored by using the troublesome tactic of creating casinos through legislation without the people's consent. This reminds me of the game the Legislature just played with the people on the impeachment when they voted not to impeach. Well, we all know the results of that play as most of them who voted not to impeach was kicked out of office and the governor quit. The moral of this experience in the lower house is, the people will eventually and always win.

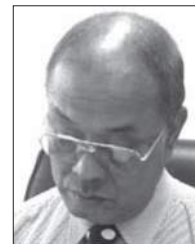
So I beg to humbly and respectfully ask the Senate to consider the wisdom of what has just transpired in the lower house because if the casino bill is passed by the Senate we can surely expect the results to be the same thing that happened to the lower house—their days will be numbered, especially for the Tinian and Rota senators. I visited Tinian and Rota and I know from my personal experience that the people on these islands are being true to form as being the "silent majority." They are just waiting to see what happens, watching to see who does what and ready to vote out the senators who betrayed their islands. They *know* Saipan casinos will *kill* their economies. I don't have anything against any of the senators and I am not trying to threaten the senators, just making an attempt to illustrate and predict the outcome should they pass the bill.

Playing the political game or any game takes more than one player and eventually someone loses. Well, the people will eventually get their chance to play and they will either reward or eject players figuratively. I like the senators and I'm just calling the game the way I see it because I know my calls (predictions) in the past have been ignored but time has proven time and time again that I was *right* and I'm right about this prediction. I just hope and pray that this predic-

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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While he may vacillate in his use of the term trust, truthful commitment begins in the department where the head employs mindfulness and a powerful sense of integrity in the equal application of laws and regulations.

For instance, the commissioner has yet to pay his former boss, Ambrosio Ogumuro, his salary and lump sum pay since six months ago. Does it take that long to process appropriate documents to fulfill what's owed Mr. Ogumuro? Is the suspect "hardball" game in play based on legitimate reasons or is it pure filthy politics? And isn't this a form of corruption?

Officers arrested for alleged violation of laws were terminated, but one has escaped the same scrutiny and is still on the payroll. Why is the equal application of procedures uniquely overlooked in this case? Isn't there a need to adhere to the fidelity to laws, therefore the equal application of both pertinent laws and the Administrative Procedures Act in this and other cases as well respect for the due process rights of those adversely affected?

If the commissioner is true to his commitment on trust, could he explain which sergeant accumulated the most overtime pay in recent past? No worries, DOF records are available and I will review pertinent documents to illustrate my point.

Is it right for officers to clock in then head home to sleep while the clock is running punched-in later as overtime? Is it right to look the other way while some of your officers use government vehicles to ferry their spouses to laundromats? Is it right to pay overtime to an officer who's alleged to be playing poker from 9pm to 2am? Aren't these a form of corruption being committed against taxpayers? Where did trust go? It's just the tip of the iceberg, sir!

By THOMAS E. PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Thomas E. Perez is the U.S. Labor Secretary.



ration from their stories. We must emulate their strength and resilience. We must summon their dignity and their courage.

As the first Labor Secretary of the department's second century, I have every confidence that, powered by the talent and determination of our workers, we will create more opportunity in the years ahead. Best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous Labor Day.

tion will be avoided by the Senate for their own sake and ours.

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

The right direction

Yes, it is true. Gov. Inos seems to be moving in the right direction in many actions and position he is now taking. However, the challenges then and now is exactly the same. The high cost of electricity, the poor state of interisland surface transportation as well as air transportation, reduced revenue, the reduced opportunity for our young people resulting in mass migration to greener pastures. I do not know about Saipan or Tinian but Rota, for example, experienced substantial exodus that resulted in absentee voting exceeding the island figure. That is a sad situation. But, as in many place within the United States, multi-color, multi-culture is being celebrated and we should also endorse that movement and embrace or celebrate diversity as we are now doing through multicultural activities. Yes, Gov. Inos is different from Gov. Fitial. He seem to be more humble, honest, open, and tolerant of nonresidents just like Congressman Kilili. I never heard him utter the word "illegals" or "go home." There is obvious good coming out from the very short time Gov. Inos took control. We should stay the course, of course, unless you think differently.

Frank M. Atalig

Sinapalo I, Rota

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gaming politics vs the people

It is clear the gaming industry is now making its final assault on the CNMI, now that we are on our knees and literally in our most desperate economic state of existence. At the very core of the quest to control the gaming industry of the CNMI with the move to establish Saipan casinos is *politics*! But at the same time the core of our politics is the *people*! So the game has been afoot between the politicians and the people they work for and it has been going on for a decade.

The people won the two previous matches because they were given a *chance* in the arena by voting but this time the approach of the politicians is to *keep the people out of the arena* so they can't win by just creating a public law. I'm sure the average reader can see the reality of the metaphor I just shared. It is also clear to me the investors who want to establish casinos on Saipan have held the upper hand on this issue because casinos is the only thing we have heard from our politicians for a decade! It really makes many people wonder and doubt our leaders' ability to lead when they were told twice to change course from casinos.

But the game has finally come to the last quarter and the last few seconds as the decision of the Senate will determine if people will be

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

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Palau	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 75
Yap	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 76
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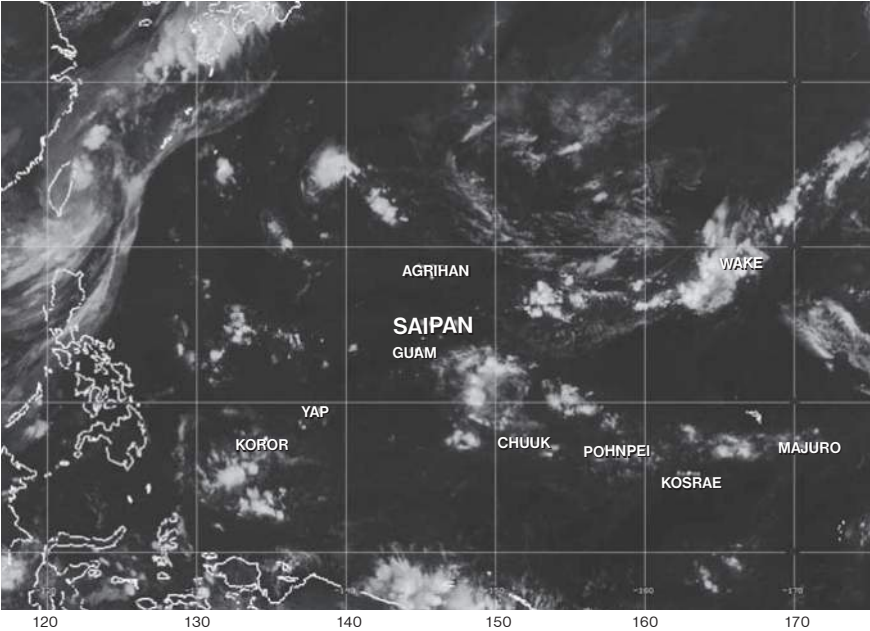
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Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 68
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Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 60
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 62
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 76
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 72

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
5:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
12:52 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:37 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered northeast of Chuuk at 10N156E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found north of Chuuk between 9N and 12N from 149E to 153E. Another weak circulation is centered northeast of Majuro at 13N177E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present within 100 miles of a line from 15N174E to 12N178E. Scattered showers are also seen east of a line from 11N178E to 1N178E. Convergent low-level winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 120 miles of a line from 17N153E to 19N165E to 25N174E. This area includes Wake Island.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:28 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:06 AM	4:03 PM
Tuesday	3:55 AM	4:45 PM
Wednesday	4:45 AM	5:26 PM
Thursday	5:34 AM	6:06 PM
Friday	6:25 AM	6:47 PM

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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
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FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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Public hospital now has 27 docs, 6 PA's, 2 nurse midwives

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While the Commonwealth Health Center is short of nurses, it seems to have an adequate number of physicians, based on the latest records of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Interim corporation CEO Esther Muña disclosed last week that the facility now has a total of 27 physicians in different sections and departments of the hospital—a number that she described as “stable.” There are also six physician assistants and two certified nurse midwives, she added.

According to corporation documents, there are three doctors at the emergency medicine department: Drs. Greg Kotheimer, Florence Schenker, and Martin Rohringer—all full time. They are being assisted by physician assistants Benjamin

Hochhalter, Alexander Johanson, Brian Lobb, and William Fisher.

Family medicine has 3 physicians: Drs. Dan Lamar, Hazel Christine Brown, and part-timer Tiffany Willis. This department has one designated PA at this time, Christine Strong.

Internal medicine has five full-time physicians: Drs. John Doyle III, Esther Kanayjorn, Joel Smith, George Macris, and John Tudela. Also assigned to this department are nephrologist Dr. Sherleen Osman and gastroenterologist Dr. Ji Woon Kim.

The surgery and anesthesia department has six full-time and one part-time physicians: Drs. James Cole, Michael Koning, Roger Rodenhuis, Glenn Cunningham, John Yarofalir, Jeri Hallman, and Dr. Levine.

The OB-gynecology section has two full time docs: Drs.

Liane Mizgala and Jeonolivia Grant. The section also has two certified nurse midwives, Sarah Allen and Roca Sablan.

Three doctors—Drs. Leticia Borja, Yousef Turshani, and Christopher Steadman—are at the pediatrics department. It has one PA, Rhonda Gleason.

The hospital also has a psychiatrist, Dr. Jeremy Richards.

More recruits

Muña, during last week's board meeting, disclosed that one additional orthopedic surgeon is expected to begin in October after the corporation hired him under J-1 visa. He will come from Guam and will be given a three-year contract, a requirement under the J-1 visa.

One family medicine doc-

tor is also expected to join CHC within the year, along with a new PA recruit for the Urgent Clinic.

According to Muña, the hospital has now three pharmacists and another one will join them once a contract is finalized. Of these four, one will be serving as locum.

The pharmacy section was among those that were cited by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for its lack of staff. CMS recommended that the section employ four pharmacists in order to provide 24/7 service.

Muña said the hospital's pharmacy has yet to implement a 24-hour service but they are looking into expanding it as soon as the fourth pharmacist

comes in.

Muna also reported that a new lab director will arrive today, Sept. 2, for a weeklong visit and assessment of the hospital. Dr. Philip Dauterman, from Oklahoma, has been hired on an independent contract for laboratory consultancy services. Muña said the hospital is looking into bringing him in for full-time work.

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She said that additional manpower is also expected in the coming months for the respiratory department, to help its only two respiratory therapists.

Housing benefit

Muña disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the employees' housing allowance for August was

issued last Wednesday noon.

Corporation records show that 102 employees, mostly nurses from the Philippines, are given this allowance. This is a decline from previous months' number of over 140 recipients.

The housing allowance is given to hospital staff recruited from outside the CNMI. This amounts to \$600 monthly for single employees and \$800 per month for those with families.

In 2012, the corporation board voted to scrap this benefits due to scarce resources.

Saipan Tribune learned that employees whose contracts were recently renewed were the first batch whose allowance was stopped following agreement that a portion of the benefit will be factored into

CPA firm in opposing Air Force divert airfield project proposal

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority remains firm in its stance not to allow the U.S. Air Force's divert activities and exercises to occur at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, and there's no plan to reconsider or change this stand.

Members of the CPA board reiterated this Friday, pointing out that the proposed project will not happen on Saipan airport because a final decision has been made.

“I don't know why the [Air Force] continue to think that CPA is reconsidering the position. I wasn't there when this board adopted the decision, but I strongly support the action taken by this full board,” said board member Thomas Kiyu Villagomez, adding that CPA has to send a clear message to concerned parties that its stance will never change.

It was in June this year when CPA rejected the proposed divert airfield project for the Saipan airport, approving instead to have the activities be held at the Tinian airport. CPA adopted this decision after it received the Air Force's divert airport layout plan. The decision was also sent to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration for concurrence.

CPA wants the Saipan airport to be spared from any military operations because it is a commercial airport. The U.S. Air Force submitted the layout plan in hopes of it being approved by CPA and FAA. The military had emphasized that the use of airports is important to the defense

and security of the islands.

Some two-thirds of Tinian lands are already leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Last April, FAA officials aired concerns about the impacts of military activities on CNMI airports and restricted airspace. They cautioned against the disruption this may have on the commercial operation of the airports. CPA's permission is needed for each and every type of operation or training that will be conducted by the military on CNMI airports.

Among those present at the CPA board meeting on Friday was FAA Guam air traffic manager Tim Cornelison, who met with the board during an executive session.

“The board has disapproved the use of Saipan airport and we authorized the use of Tinian airport instead. What is lacking and missing now is a writing for the proper authorities to tell them that the CPA board has decided and reinforced in today's [Friday] meeting that we would like them to use the Tinian [airport] with conditions that they will put tower and bunker and would expand the airport,” board member Benigno Sablan said Friday.

Board chair Jose Lifofoi instructed CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama to work with CPA's legal counsel in coming up with a letter for concerned agencies. The board intends to ratify the letter at its next meeting.

According to Sablan, the military's environmental assessment will not continue without getting from CPA its approval or disapproval of the project.



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Saipan Awaodori Team relishes Japan experiences

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Four members of the Saipan Awaodori Team returned to Saipan last Wednesday after performing in a number of Awaodori Festivals in Japan the past couple of months.

Saipan Tribune met up with musician/drummer Ronald Fitipol and dancers Nyla Julie Sablan Ogumoro, Itheyvin They, and Cody Josiah Litulumar Friday night at Kinpachi Res-

taurant, whose owner, Misako Kamata, essentially bankrolls the Saipan Awaodori Team.

Also present were the team's instructors, Mayumi Suzuki and Shunsuke Katagiri, who are former members of the Saipan Awaodori Team's mother group in Japan, the Tokyo Tensui Group.

All four Saipan Awaodori Team members said they enjoyed their trip to Japan very much. They also admitted that while the performances helped

them become better musicians and dancers, the practices and back-to-back shows on the weekends were quite tiring.

Sablan, who was in her second time performing in Japan, also learned how to communicate with members of the Tokyo Tensui Group through non-verbal means.

"I really enjoyed my trip to Japan. I'm really happy that we danced with the Tokyo Tensui. We all communicated very well given the language barrier. At first it was hard but no mat-

ter how much it's hard we tried our best. We enjoy dancing with Tokyo Tensui because they have good basics," she said.

Sablan thinks she improved a lot and that this year's trip was different since there were six team members who went to Japan, not counting the two native Japanese (Mitsunobu and Ran Suzuki) who were also part of the group.

"It makes me happy when the people I know better are there with me. The audience also

makes me happy when they smile. I also experienced a lot of new things in Japan. I found out that other Awaodori dance groups were different than ours. When we first watched the stage we saw different kinds of costumes and they had different basics, too."

She also relishes their excursion to the Tokyo Tower.

Litulumar echoed Sablan about the trip being equal parts fun and hard because everyone had to be committed to the practices and performances.

"It was fun and a little hard. I got to know more people during the trip. I'm also lucky to be able to see the highest mountain in Japan (Mt. Fujiyama)."

Litulumar also found out that there are only a grand total of two Awaodori teams outside of Japan—one in Brazil and the other one on Saipan.

They, who made his second trip to Japan, said he thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

"I enjoyed dancing with the Tokyo Tensui very much.

I also really got to know some members of Tokyo Tensui Group. I enjoyed dancing in Koenji. It was both fun and tiring. I also learned how to greet in Japanese and how respect is very important in their culture."

The most senior of the four, Fitipol, has been performing in Japan the past three years and said the trip's priority has not changed.

"Awaodori should always be our first priority. But I also learned that we could also have fun and enjoy ourselves while dancing. We need to always do our best and do our basics right. Our trip was great. We had a great time. We got to meet new people. We go to perform there and we got to enjoy as well. We also got to perform in different places like Susono and Koenji."

The two other members of the group—dancer Eliza Lazaro and musician/drummer Zacarias Sakisat—only arrived from Japan yesterday and were not able to attend the group's mini-reunion Friday night.



MARK RABAGO

Saipan Awaodori Team members Ronald Fitipol, Nyla Julie Sablan Ogumoro, Itheyvin They, and Cody Josiah Litulumar pose with instructors Mayumi Suzuki and Shunsuke Katagiri and PDM Promoters, Inc. CEO Misako Kamata and spokesperson Sonia Siwa at the Paseo de Marianas last Friday.



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WWII veteran reunited with dog tags after 70 years

LOGAN—A World War II veteran has been reunited with his dog tags nearly 70 years after he lost them.

92 year-old Eldon Drake said he can't remember where or how he lost his dog tags, only that he was in Saipan at the time.

In May, he said he got a mysterious phone call from overseas with a very big surprise.

Drake said another soldier overseas, Saipan native Staff Sgt. Fabian Indalecio, found the dog tags and took on an exhaustive search to find out if the

owner was still alive.

"He was so flabbergasted, so to speak, when he found out I was alive," Drake said.

Each dog tag has a unique number, and Drake said when he heard Indalecio read off the same set of numbers as the ones

he wore, he knew it was really his dog tags.

Drake joined the Marine reserves in 1943, making his way to the small western pacific island of Saipan the next year, not long after the infamous battle that occurred there.

"Saipan in and of itself was the last real fortress that we had, because they were trying to get to the mainland of Japan," Drake said.

With the tarnished dog tags back in his hands, Drake said visions of the past started creeping back, both the good memories and the not-so-good.

"Some I've forgotten about," Drake said. "Some I don't even talk about."

He said it was amazing to him that such a small piece of metal survived so many years.

"The thing I like about this is it endured wherever it was," Drake said. "Whether it was along that mountain range, or whether it was out in the jungle, I can't tell you

where that happened."

The fact that a complete stranger worked so hard to get the dog tags back to him made an impression.

"(It) was a big memory in my life to find someone who cared enough to see if that guy is still alive," Drake said.

Drake said Indalecio bought the dog tags from a child who found it and then set out to find the owner.

Indalecio had similar incidents of returning lost property prior to his meeting with Drake. The *Saipan Tribune* reported that he also returned a set of old dog tags to a World War II veteran in Maryland last July. (<http://www.ksl.com>)

PH Consulate General set to hold third mobile outreach

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam will hold its next consular mobile services on Saipan from Oct. 7 to 10 at the Daidai Social Hall of the Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.

The three-day mobile consular services will be from 9am to 7pm and is being organized in cooperation with the United Filipino Organization.

Among the services offered by the mobile consular team are passport processing, notaries, contract verifications, civil registration, and acceptance of dual citizenship under Republic Act 9225.

The consulate general said there are two of ways to apply for a passport. The first one is through pre-processing and the other one is through appointment.

Due to limitations in its passport data-capturing capabilities, the consulate general said only 60 applications will be accepted for pre-processing and only 50 applications for passport appointments.

Like the past two mobile consular services, those opting for the pre-processing procedure should email a copy of their passport, application form, and other important documents like marriage certificate, report of birth, or report of marriage to saipan.pcagana@gmail.com.

The consulate general is accepting pre-processing applications starting Tuesday, Sept. 3, until 5pm on Sept. 24. Applications submitted after 5pm on Sept. 24 will not be accepted and will not be given a schedule.

Those who successfully submit their pre-processing applications will be sent an email confirmation about their schedule for biometrics capturing. Applicants given biometrics schedules are advised to come on time or risk losing their slots.

Those without Internet access who wish to apply or renew their passports can do so by setting an appointment with the consulate general by calling 682-2222 starting Sept. 3 until 5pm on Sept. 24. Ask for Margie Morales and give her details like your full name, date of birth, passport expiration, and contact number.

The UFO's help can also be enlisted as the umbrella organization of Filipinos on Saipan can also submit the list of passport applicants to the consulate general. The UFO will inform everyone when it will start the sign up for passport applicants. The list for passport applications will be posted on Facebook and can also be confirmed by calling the consulate general.

The consulate general is also reminding everyone that only 200 will be given appointments for ePassport. Therefore those who want to apply for passports should call or sign up as early as possible.

Again, those who are given an appointment or schedule should come on time or risk losing their slot.

The consulate general also wants to point out that passport extension or amendment is not a regular service it offers. It is only offered for extremely urgent cases and only after permission from the Department of

Foreign Affairs.

Those who have passports expiring in the next six months are also advised to set an appointment to apply for a new passport. Expired or lost passports cannot be extended or amended, according to the consulate general.

The consulate general also said those who are not able to

apply through pre-processing for this October's mobile consular services should just wait for the next mobile consular services set before the end of the year.

For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, call the consulate general at its toll free number, 682-2222. (Mark Rabago)

Lee caps West Point basic training

WEST POINT, NY— Cadet Thomas Tooh Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Hwa Lee of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy.

Lee entered West Point on July 1 and has successfully completed six of Cadet Basic Training, one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

The initial military training program provides cadets with basic skills to instill discipline, pride, cohesion, confidence, and a high sense of duty to prepare them for entry into the Corps of Cadets. Areas of summer instruction included first aid, mountaineering, hand grenades, rifle marksmanship and nuclear, biological, and chemical training.

Lee began classes Aug. 19. The West Point curriculum offers 37 majors balancing physical sciences and engineering with humanities and social sciences leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Lee graduated from Saipan Southern High School. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2017 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army. (PR)

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Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, center, shakes hands with Gov. Eloy S. Inos, while Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja, second from right, wears a big smile after the Judiciary team finished first in the first round of the coconut husking contest at the Labor Day festivities yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Gov. Eloy S. Inos, right, prepares to husk a coconut with his bare hands, with the help of Ton Aguon, left, and former representative Ray Basa at the Labor Day festival yesterday.

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Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, second from left, shows the "number 1" sign after members of the DPS team pass the perpetual trophy after DPS won first place in the 2013 Labor Day Softball Tournament. Also in photo is Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, shakes hands with Legislative Bureau director Melchor Mendiola Jr., after the Legislature's team bagged the third place in the 2013 Labor Day Softball Tournament. Looking on are Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) during yesterday's Labor Day festivities at the Civic Center in Susupe. The Department of Public Safety team won first place in the tournament, while the Department of Finance won second place.

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An all-women team manually husk a coconut.

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A young boy sits beside the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's inspiring tent displays and design at the Labor Day grounds yesterday.

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A member of the Department of Public Works team reacts as they wait for the results of the coconut husking contest.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



A roast pig—or what's left of it—at the Department of Finance tent during yesterday's Labor Day picnic.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Cultural dance performances were among the highlights of yesterday's Labor Day festivities.

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Teams sweat it out to win the three-legged race at the Labor Day festivities yesterday.

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Nation

Obama to seek congressional OK for Syria action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Short on support at home and allies abroad, President Barack Obama unexpectedly stepped back from a missile attack against Syria on Saturday and instead asked Congress to support a strike punishing Bashar Assad's regime for the alleged use of chemical weapons.

With Navy ships on standby in the Mediterranean Sea ready to launch their cruise missiles, Obama said he had decided the United States should take military action and that he believes that as commander in chief, he has "the authority to carry out this military action without specific congressional

authorization."

At the same time, he said, "I know that the country will be stronger if we take this course and our actions will be even more effective." His remarks were televised live in the United States as well as on Syrian state television with translation.

Congress is scheduled to return from a summer vacation on Sept. 9, and in anticipation of the coming debate, Obama challenged lawmakers to consider "what message will we send if a dictator can gas hundreds of children to death in plain sight



Obama

and pay no price."

The president didn't say so, but his strategy carries enormous risks to his and the nation's credibility, which the administration has argued forcefully is on the line in Syria.

Obama long ago said the use of chemical weapons was a "red line" that Assad would not be allowed to cross with impunity.

Nor would the White House say what options would still be open to the president if he fails to win the backing of the House and Senate for the military measures he has threatened.

Across US, fears, ambivalence, anguish over Syria

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The specter of U.S. military action against Syria and further intervention in the Muslim world is generating troubled and conflicting emotions throughout America.

People cite misgivings about their country's role as "world policeman." They express moral outrage at atrocities in a faraway nation, tempered by dismay about trying to decide who's good and who's bad in a sectarian slaughter. There's a deep ambivalence about how to use American military power for good without committing the United States to another intractable war.

Those sentiments are reflected in a series of interviews conducted Friday by The Associated Press across the country and borne out in recent polling.

In town after town, Americans weary of war after a dozen years of it are expressing unease, concern, fear and often resignation.

Some adamantly oppose any U.S. action against Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, even though the Obama administration says he used chemical weapons to kill 1,429 people, including more than 400 children. Obama said Saturday he would seek congressional approval before launching any strike.

With Navy ships in the Mediterranean Sea ready to strike, Obama said he had decided the United States should take military action, but also determined "our country will be better off" if Congress renders its own opinion.

At the same time, he challenged lawmakers to consider "what message will we send to a dictator" if he is allowed to killed hundreds of children with chemical weapons without suffering any retaliation.

Lawmakers will return to session on Sept. 9.

Most are struggling to sort out conflicting hopes and anxieties.

Painful lessons from Vietnam and Iraq color the conversations. Pride in America's strength and morality often seem pitted against fears of arrogance that can lead to conflicts much easier to start than to finish.

"I think he has to do something," Ralph Whitney of Groton, Conn., said of Obama, even if it means "stirring up a hornet's nest."

Opinion polls quantify the serious reservations.

An NBC News survey suggests that the Assad government's alleged use of chemical weapons has not persuaded more people in the U.S. to support military intervention. Half of those surveyed said the U.S. should not take military action, while 42 percent said the U.S. should.

Only 1 in 5 said military action is in the U.S. national interest.

The poll was conducted Wednesday and Thursday, before the administration's release Friday of an unclassified intelligence assessment that cited "high confidence" that the Syrian government carried out the attack.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll from December showed 63 percent in favor of U.S. military involvement if the Syrian government used chemical weapons against its people.

The NBC poll found scant support for arming Syrian rebels. About one-fourth of those questioned favor U.S. military action to help stop the killing of Syrian civilians, while just 6 percent prefer arming the rebels.

Americans with firsthand knowledge of Syrian refugees' plight talked in Des Moines about their wariness of U.S. military intervention.

Only this week, British Prime Minister David Cameron suffered a humiliating defeat when the House of Commons refused to support his call for military action against Syria.

Halfway around the world, Syrians awoke Saturday to state television broadcasts of tanks, planes and other weapons of war, and troops training, all to a soundtrack of martial

music. Assad's government blames rebels in the Aug. 21 attack, and has threatened retaliation if it is attacked.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying he was appealing to a Nobel Peace laureate rather than to a president, urged Obama to reconsider. A group that monitors casualties in the long Syrian civil war challenged the United States to substantiate its claim that 1,429 died in a chemical weapons attack, including more than 400 children.

By accident or design, the new timetable gives time for U.N. inspectors to receive lab results from the samples they took during four days in Damascus, and to compile a final report. After leaving Syria overnight, the inspection team arrived in Rotterdam a few hours before Obama spoke.

The group's leader was expected to brief Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday.

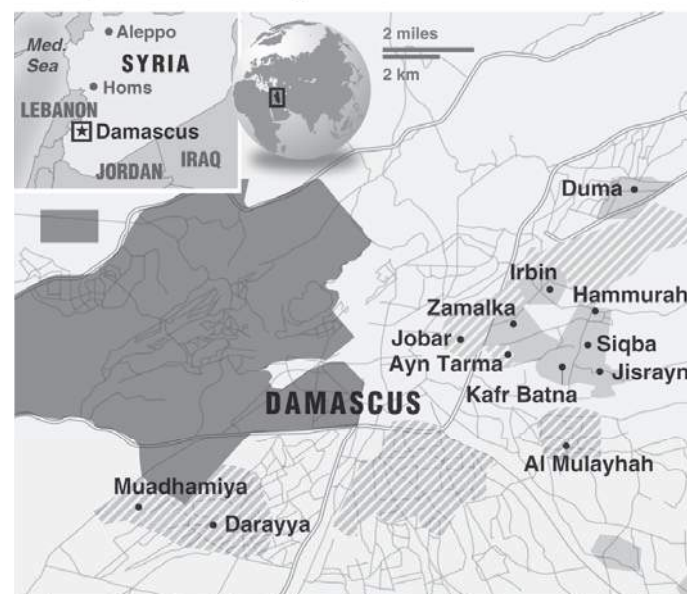
Administration officials said Obama appeared set on ordering a strike until Friday evening. After a long walk in near 90-degree temperatures around the White House grounds with Chief of Staff Denis McDonough, the president told his aide he had changed his mind.

U.S. assessment of Syria's chemical attack

Secretary of State John Kerry laid out the administration's case for a Syria intervention, saying that U.S. intelligence confirms 12 Syrian government uses of chemical weapons in attacks that the Obama administration claims killed at least 1,429 people.

Where attacks occurred • Alleged chemical attacks Aug. 21

■ Regime control ■ Opposition control ▨ Contested area



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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-13-026

Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines in Capitol Hill Housing Blocks 1200 and 1300, Pohnpei Way, and Isa Drive; installation of new pressure reducing valves, gate valves and fire hydrants. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$250.00 (non-refundable) at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 23, 2013** at 1:30 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.14, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-026, Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 26, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CHO, SEONG JEO,	CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,	NO. 13-0161C
vs.	SUMMONS
PARK JAE HYUN,	
HAN SANG EOK,	
KWON CHOON SEOB,	
MOON YOO SUK,	
AN JONG HO,	
PHILIP S. BERG	
COMPANY, LTD. and	
DAE DONG	
CORPORATION,	
Defendants.	

TO: PARK JAE HYUN, HAN SANG EOK, KWON
CHOON SEOB, MOON YOO SUK, AN JONG
HO, PHILIP S. BERG COMPANY, LTD.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATED August 29, 2013.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT **1st Publication**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	CIVIL ACTION
ESTATES OF	NO. 13-0149
MANUEL TENORIO DELA CRUZ	
AND MARIA CASTRO DELA CRUZ	NOTICE OF
	HEARING AND
Deceased.	NOTICE TO
	CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for Letters of Administration seeking appointment of CONSOLACION DLC. TORRES as Administrator of the Estates of MANUEL TENORIO DELA CRUZ AND MARIA CASTRO DELA CRUZ (Deceased), was filed in the above entitled court. A hearing has been set for the above-entitled matter and will be held in Courtroom 223A, Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on September 10, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

All persons having any objection to the petition, or having a claim against the Estates or against the deceased should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

World

France to await US congressional decision on Syria

PARIS (AP)—Mirroring U.S. policy, France will wait for its parliament to consider possible military action against Syria before President Francois Hollande decides whether to launch strikes, his office said Saturday.

Paris hewed a close line to Washington while asserting its independence after President Barack Obama said Saturday he believes the United States should respond with force over a suspected chemical weapons attack by Bashar Assad's regime, but decided to put the issue before the U.S. Congress first.

France, under Hollande's Socialists, has been the most vocal and visible country to show willingness to join the United States in military action against Syria following an alleged chemical weapons attack in rebel-held or contested areas last week. The U.S. claims the attack killed 1,429 people—including more than 400 children—marking a grave and intolerable escalation in Syria's two-year civil war that has left 100,000 dead.

Before his speech about Syria outside the White House, Obama explained his decision to Hollande in a phone call, said an official in the French president's office. Hollande noted that he had already decided to convene France's par-

liament on Wednesday to take up a debate about Syria.

The two presidents "reaffirmed their joint willingness to act," and have an "absolute and shared conviction" that Assad's regime was behind the chemical weapons attack, the official said on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to be publicly

named under presidential policy.

Unlike in Britain, Hollande does not need the permission of parliament to order France to intervene militarily. Britain's parliament on Thursday rejected efforts by Prime Minister David Cameron to have British forces possibly take part in military action against Syria.

In his speech, Obama said the U.N. Security Council "has been completely paralyzed and unwilling to hold Assad accountable. As a consequence, many people have advised against taking this decision to Congress, and undoubtedly, they were impacted by what we saw happen in the United Kingdom this week when

the Parliament of our closest ally failed to pass a resolution with a similar goal, even as the prime minister supported taking action."

After Obama's speech, Cameron tweeted: "I understand and support Barack Obama's position on (hash)Syria."

French officials said France is ready to strike once Hollande

gives the order, though he has said he hasn't yet made a decision. The officials haven't publicly specified how the French military posture has changed in preparation for a Syria action, though analysts say that France's most likely contribution would involve firing cruise missiles on targets in Syria.

WORLD BRIEFS

India convicts youngest Delhi gang rape defendant

NEW DELHI (AP)—An Indian juvenile court on Saturday handed down the first conviction in the fatal gang rape of a young woman on a moving New Delhi bus, convicting a teenager of rape and murder and sentencing him to three years in a reform home, lawyers said. The victim's parents denounced the sentence, which was the maximum the defendant faced. The family had long insisted the teen, who was 17 at the time of the December attack and is now 18, be tried as an adult—and thus face the death penalty—insisting he was the most brutal of the woman's attackers. Indian law forbids the publication of the teen's name because he was sentenced in a

juvenile court.

Suspected sect members in Nigeria kill at least 24

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—Suspected Islamic sect members ambushed and killed at least 24 members of a youth vigilante group who were on a mission to find and fight the sect in northeast Nigeria, a security official said Saturday. Those who returned from Friday's attack told officials that 36 other vigilantes were missing, the official said on condition of anonymity because he is not permitted to speak to the media. "The vigilante youths numbering over 100 were on a mission to capture some Boko Haram terrorists in their camps around Kaleri, Shuwari, Maganari and Nannari villages around Monguno's local government

area, before they were ambushed by the terrorists," he said.

Liquid ammonia leak kills 15 people in Shanghai

BEIJING (AP)—At least 15 people were killed Saturday after liquid ammonia leaked from a refrigeration unit at a cold storage plant in China's financial hub of Shanghai, the local government said. Twenty-five people were injured in the accident, which happened at a plant in the Baoshan district of the east coast city, the Shanghai government Information Office said. Five of the injured were in serious condition. The government identified the plant as Weng's Cold Storage Industrial Co. Ltd., but gave no further details. The cause of the leak was not immediately known and

investigations led by the city's work safety bureau were under way, it said.

Pope taps Vatican diplomat to be his top aide

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis on Saturday tapped a veteran Vatican diplomat to be his top aide, replacing the Holy See's secretary of state who in recent years increasingly became a divisive figure in a church hierarchy mired in embarrassing scandal and financial probes. The Vatican announced that Archbishop Pietro Parolin, 58, an Italian and former deputy foreign minister at the Vatican, on Oct. 15 will assume the post held since 2006 by Italian Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. The cardinal will remain in the position until then, giving Parolin,

currently serving as papal envoy to Venezuela, time to prepare for his new duties as the Vatican's No. 2 official.

Attacks in southern Afghanistan kill at least 18

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—A suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a police checkpoint and a bank in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, one of two attacks in the heartland of the insurgency that killed 18 people over 24 hours. Separately, a NATO service member was killed by insurgents in the country's east, according to a military statement. No group immediately claimed responsibility for any of the attacks, but Afghan President Hamid Karzai blamed the bombings on the Taliban.

*In Celebration of His New Life***†Ricardo Ilo Rangamar**

February 18, 1960 – August 27, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Maria Ilo & †Ernesto Wabol Rangamar
Parents In-Law: †Concepcion Rogopes Romolor & †Juan Borja Kaipat
Daughter: †Felice Marie Kaipat Rangamar
Brothers: †Luis I. Rangamar, †Vicente I. Rangamar, †Lorenzo I. Rangamar, †Luciano I. Rangamar
Sisters: †Fidelia R. Merur, †Dolores R. Rabauliman, †Ana R. Cruz, †Delgadina R. Rios
Brothers In-Law: †Joaquin Rabauliman, †Francisco Rios, †Enrique Cruz
Sisters In-Law: †Theodocia R. Kaipat, †Marita Rangamar, †Concepcion Rangamar, †Carmen C. Rangamar

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

Wife: Emiliana Romolor Kaipat
Children and Grandchildren: Senlin and Paul Kaipat (Terence, Paul, Christine, Pauleen, Jayson, Datriana, Lyna, Matthew, Mark, Senline, Joshua, Anna Marie); Lyn and John Kaipat (Keaura Leilim)
Sarai Magdalene Kaipat; Delight R. & Jeremy Manalo (Emily); Cheyenne Emience Kaipat (Tyenne, Felice); Shanna Marie Kaipat (Ja'mon); Chantyll & Treat Kaipat (Treat Jr., Aurie Jean); Ricardo Jr. Kaipat; Derick Vince Kaipat Rangamar

Brothers: Rafael I. Rangamar, Daniel Rangamar
Brothers and Sisters In-Law: Dinang & Nicole Lisua, Dolores & Cesario Kaipat; Maria & Mandell Jones, Gloria & Ramon Kaipat, Concepcion & Johnny Iglesias, Jeffrey Kaipat

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at San Jose Church at 6:00 AM.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. our beloved's body will be escorted from CHC to the residence of Lou and Simeon Nepaial. On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at San Jose Church followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank You and Ghilisou

Emiliana Romolor Kaipat, Children and Family

*In Celebration of His New Life***†Jose Pangelinan San Nicolas**

Lovingly known as "Barf / Bokonggo"

Born to life on December 3, 1945 and was called to his eternal rest on August 28, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Francisca & †Antonio L. San Nicolas
Grandparents: †Jose & †Maria Crisostomo Pangelinan
Parents In-Law: Juan S. & Lourdes A. Pua
Sisters: †Regina SN. Pinaula, †Agnes SN. Crisostomo, †Thomasa A. San Nicolas
Brothers: †Mariano A. San Nicolas

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

Wife: Remedio Pua San Nicolas
Children: John & Norma (Derrin, Keona, Kymani)
Derek & Isabel (Ben, Isa, DJ, Derron)
Jayson & Jovan
Myron (Aundrea Renee, Keandra, Camilla Marley)
Frances & Glenn

Reared Children: Frances Pinaula, Arlene P. Valentino, Anthony Pinaula

Brothers and Sisters: †Regina SN. & †Isidro Pinaula and family, †Agnes SN. Camacho and family, David & Maria Rosa and family, †Mariano & Josephine San Nicolas and family, Margarita & Robert Gueverra and family, Ramon & Susana San Nicolas and family, †Thomasa A. San Nicolas and family, Carmen & Jose Agulto and family, Jose & Maratess San Nicolas and Family

Brothers and Sisters In-Law: Edward & Doris Pua and family, Lorenza & Ricardo Castro and family, Alfredo & Jesusa Pua & Family, Sylvan & Jeanie and family, Doreen Chato and family, Martin & Rosa Pua and family, James & Patricinia and daughter, Wilfred & Annette Pua and family

He will also be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Godchildren, and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at St. Remedios Church in Tanapag at 6:00 PM, followed by the Holy Rosary at 7:00 P.M.

On Thursday, September 5, 2013 our beloved's remains will be escorted from CHC to St. Remedios Church in Tanapag for viewing and last respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M., immediately followed by interment services at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

Dangkulu Na Si Su'us Ma'ase
Ginen as Remedio, I Famagu'ona, yan if Familia

In Loving Memory

†Elizabeth Sablan Torres-Untalan

Lovingly known as “Beck/Liz”

May 2, 1953 – August 26, 2013



In Her New Life, She Now Joins:

PARENTS: †William Salas Torres and †Rosa Sablan Torres

ANGEL BROTHER: †Joaquin Sablan Torres

SON: †William Gerard Torres

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her

Spouse: **Pedro T. Untalan**, Children, and Grandchildren

Siblings & In-Laws:

Juan S. Torres & Janet F. Torres, Children, and Grandchildren

Joaquin S. Torres & Diane V. Torres, Children, and Grandchildren

Maria T. Persson & Jon G. Persson, Children, and Grandchildren

Ramon S. Torres & Lillian Wong

William S. Torres & Priscilla M. Torres and Children

Beck will also be remembered in her new life by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends at home and afar.

Eucharistic celebration is being offered at Kristo Rai Parish daily at 6:00 a.m. from August 26 thru September 2, 2013.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated on September 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Parish.

Please join Beck's family in daily prayers at Kristo Rai Parish.



Health & Fitness

Scientists find clue to age-related memory loss

WASHINGTON (AP)—Scientists have found a compelling clue in the quest to learn what causes age-related memory problems, and to one day be able to tell if those misplaced car keys are just a senior moment or an early warning of something worse.

Wednesday's report offers evidence that age-related memory loss really is a distinct condition from pre-Alzheimer's—and offers a hint that what we now consider the normal forgetfulness of old age might eventually be treatable.

Researchers at Columbia University Medical Center examined brains, young and old ones, donated from people who died without signs of neurologic disease. They discovered that a certain gene in a specific part of the hippocampus, the brain's memory center, quits working properly in older people. It produces less of a key protein.

That section of the brain, called the dentate gyrus, has long been suspected of being especially vulnerable to aging. Importantly, it's a different neural neighborhood than where Alzheimer's begins to form.

But it's circumstantial evidence that having less of that protein, named RbAp48, affects memory loss in older adults. So

the researchers took a closer look at mice, which become forgetful as they age in much the same way that people do.

Sure enough, cutting levels of the protein made healthy young rodents lose their way in mazes and perform worse on other memory tasks just like old mice naturally do.

More intriguing, the memory loss was reversible: Boosting the protein made forgetful old mice as sharp as the youngsters again, the researchers reported in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

"It's the best evidence so far" that age-related memory loss isn't the same as early Alzheimer's, said Nobel laureate Dr. Eric Kandel, who led the Columbia University team.

And since some people make it to 100 without showing much of a cognitive slowdown, the work begs another question: "Is that normal aging, or is it a deterioration that we're allowing to occur?" Kandel said.

"As we want to live longer and stay engaged in a cognitively complex world, I think even mild age-related memory decline is meaningful," added Columbia neurologist Dr. Scott Small, a senior author of the

study. "It opens up a whole avenue of investigation to now try to identify interventions."

This is early-stage research that will require years of additional work to confirm, cautioned Dr. Molly Wagster of the National Institute on Aging, who wasn't involved with the report.

But Wagster said the findings add to a growing body of evidence suggesting "that we're not all on the road to Alzheimer's disease" after we pass a certain age.

For example, other researchers have found that connections between neurons in other parts of the brain weaken with normal aging, making it harder but not impossible to retrieve memories. In contrast, Alzheimer's kills neurons.

How does Wednesday's research fit? Many pathways make up a smoothly functioning memory, and that protein plays a role in turning a short-term memory—like where you left those car keys—into a longer-term one, Kandel explained.

Some good news: Scientists already know that exercise makes the dentate gyrus—that age-targeted spot in the hippocampus—function better, Small said. He's also studying if nutrition might make a difference.



In this July 29, 2013 photo, a researcher holds a human brain in a laboratory at Northwestern University's cognitive neurology and Alzheimer's disease center in Chicago.

9 million use sleeping pills to get more zzz's

ATLANTA (AP)—Can't get enough shuteye? Nearly 9 million U.S. adults resort to prescription sleeping pills—and most are white, female, educated or 50 or older, according to the first government study of its kind.

But that's only part of the picture. Experts believe there are millions more who try options like over-the-counter medicines or chamomile tea, or simply suffer through sleepless nights.

"Not everyone is running out to get a prescription drug," said Russell Rosenberg, an Atlanta-based sleep researcher.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study was based on interviews with about 17,000 adults from 2005 through 2010. Study participants were even asked to bring in any medicines they were taking.

Overall, 4 percent of adults said they'd taken a prescription sleeping pill or sedative in the previous month.

The study did not say whether use is increasing. But a CDC researcher calculated that use rose from 3.3 percent in 2003-2006 to 4.3 percent in 2007-2010.

That echoes U.S. market research—as well as studies in some other countries—that indicate an increase in insomnia in recent decades.

"Sleep disorders overall are more prevalent than what they

were," said Dr. Ana Krieger, medical director of New York's Weill Cornell Center for Sleep Medicine.

That could be due to a number of factors, experts said. Some include obesity-related sleep apnea, the rise of social media and other electronic late-night distractions and financial worries from the recent recession.

Earlier studies have tried to track pill use through prescription sales, but that offered a flawed view.

For adults, the recommended amount of sleep is 7 to 9 hours each night. Previous CDC research suggests at least a third of adults get less than that. Doctors offer tips for good sleeping that include sticking to a regular bedtime schedule, getting exercise each day and avoiding caffeine and nicotine at night.

By some estimates, nearly 10 percent of Americans suffer chronic insomnia and may seek a physician's help. Inadequate sleep has been tied to the start and worsening of a range of diseases and conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, obesity and depression.

The CDC study results confirm some patterns that doctors have been observing for a while. They include:

■ Women are more likely than men to take sleeping pills,

5 percent versus 3 percent.

■ More whites take pills—nearly 5 percent, compared to 2.5 percent of blacks and 2 percent of Hispanics.

■ Prescription use increases with age, to 7 percent of those 80 and older.

The findings may have been influenced in part by who had health insurance and access to doctors who would prescribe sleeping pills, said Yinong Chong, the study's lead author.

But clearly people tend to have trouble sleeping as they get older, due not only to aches and physical changes but also to emotional burdens, experts say.

Retired law professor Jane Kaplan has had trouble sleeping since she was a young woman, but it got worse around 2007. Over a year, her husband, mother and sister died.

She still takes Ambien, a popular sleeping pill, which helps her fall asleep but she wakes up in the middle of the night. It's not unusual for her to get only 3 1/2 or 4 hours.

Kaplan said she's been working with Krieger to deal with her sleeplessness. But it remains a struggle, the 70-year-old said.

"You wake up tired and you just count the hours until the day is over. And you hope tomorrow's going to be better," she said.

160 quarantined after plague death in Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—Four people have been hospitalized and 160 quarantined after a 15-year-old boy who ate marmot meat died of the bubonic plague last week, the Kyrgyz Ministry of Health said Wednesday.

The ministry in the Central Asian nation said the boy told medics he spent the previous week camping in the mountains where he had eaten barbecued marmot, a large ground squirrel that typically lives in mountainous areas.

The Ministry of Health established a quarantine in parts of the mountainous northeast, but said there was no risk of an epidemic.

Four residents in the boy's village were hospitalized on Wednesday after complaining of fever, though none had contact with the boy. A high fever is a common symptom of many diseases, such as the flu or measles.

There are several thousand cases of bubonic plague every year worldwide. People usu-








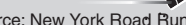
ally catch the disease after being bitten by an infected insect or animal or coming into close contact with an infected animal, like hunters removing an animal's skin.

Bubonic plague is the most common type of plague and causes painful swollen lymph nodes called bubos. The disease swept across Europe in the Middle Ages, killing millions. These days, the disease is easily treated with antibiotics and can be cured if caught early.

Personal Trainer

What category of runner are you?

The New York Road Runners club uses these groupings to organize the 10-week running classes it offers its 300,000 members.

	Beginner Walk briskly for 20 minutes	Training goals Run for 20 minutes
	Advanced beginner Run comfortably nonstop for 20 minutes	Run for 30 minutes or improve pace
	Intermediate Run 30 minutes at 10-11 minutes per mile (6-7 min./km)	Learn racing fundamentals
	Advanced intermediate Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 28-31 minutes	
	Basic competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 25-28 minutes	Racing workouts to improve speed, form, strength, endurance
	Competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 22-25 minutes	
	Advanced competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 19-22 minutes	Advanced workouts to improve speed, form, strength, endurance
	Super-advanced competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in less than 19 minutes	

Source: New York Road Runners

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Life & Style

Nobel-winning Irish poet Seamus Heaney dies at 74

DUBLIN (AP)—To all lovers of the perfectly weighed word, Seamus Heaney offered hope on this side of the grave.

Heaney, 74, died Friday in a Dublin hospital some 18 years after he won the Nobel Prize in literature and gained global recognition as Ireland's greatest poet since William Butler Yeats.

He left behind a half-century's body of work that sought to capture the essence of his experience: the sour smells and barren beauty of Irish landscapes, the haunting loss of loved ones and of memory itself, and the tormented soul of his native Northern Ireland.

As one of the world's premier classicists, he translated and interpreted ancient works of Athens and Rome for modern eyes and ears. A bear of a man with a signature mop of untamed silvery hair, he gave other writers and fans time, attention, advice—and left a legacy of one-on-one, life-changing moments encouraged by his self-deprecating, common-man touch.

"He was a wonderful nature poet, a love poet, and a war poet. He certainly addressed the darkness of what we call 'the troubles,'" said Michael Longley, a Belfast poet and longtime Heaney confidant, who recalled chatting happily with Heaney over whiskey and pints of beer earlier this month at a western Irish literary festival.

"I told him I'd been re-reading his early works from the 1960s, and I just couldn't believe that as a young man he was capable of writing such miracles. He continued to write miracles throughout his life," Longley said. "He was a poet of extraordinary complexity and profundity, so it's surprising and remarkable that he also could be so popular. ... It's not popular poetry. Sea-



AP
A Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004 photo from files showing former Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney speaking during a rehearsal for the Northern Irish national Holocaust commemoration at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

mus made it popular."

His most quoted lines came from "The Cure at Troy," a 1991 adaptation of a Greek play by Sophocles set in the Trojan War. His version, rooted in a Northern Ireland that he hoped could reach "the far side of revenge," sought to draw a line under a conflict that featured Irish Republican Army hunger strikes and the IRA killing of hundreds of police officers.

"A hunger-striker's father stands in the graveyard dumb. The police widow in veils faints at the funeral home. History says, Don't hope on this side of the grave. But then, once in a lifetime the longed-for tidal wave of justice can rise up, and hope and history rhyme."

Scores of world leaders have borrowed those lines for their

peacemaking proclamations.

John Hume, a Northern Ireland leader of the Irish nationalist side who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998, said Heaney's work offered "a special channel for repudiating violence, injustice and prejudice, and urging us all to the better side of our human nature."

Bill and Hillary Clinton, who met Heaney during their several visits to Northern Ireland in the 1990s, and mined "The Cure at Troy" to close speeches, praised him as "more than a brilliant artist."

"His mind, heart, and his uniquely Irish gift for language made him our finest poet of the rhythms of ordinary lives and a powerful voice for peace. And he was a good and true friend. We loved him and we will miss him," the Clintons said in a

statement.

Heaney rarely turned down requests to speak, and kept globe-trotting to university lectures and cultural seminars, despite a 2006 stroke that forced him, temporarily, to slow down. Audiences sought to hear his readings in person, delivered in his melodic baritone. He inspired respect and love.

"We cannot adequately express our profound sorrow at the loss of one of the world's greatest writers," said Heaney's London publisher, Faber & Faber. "His impact on literary culture is immeasurable. As his publisher we could not have been prouder to publish his poetry over nearly 50 years. He was nothing short of an inspiration to the company, and his friendship over many years is a great loss."

The eldest of nine children from a farming village, Heaney went to Catholic boarding school in Northern Ireland's second-largest city, Londonderry, a bitterly divided community that soon became the crucible of "the troubles," the quaint local euphemism for a four-decade conflict over the British territory that has claimed more than 3,700 lives.

His early work was rooted in vivid description of rural experience, such as in 1966's collection "Death of a Naturalist," when his poem "Digging" describes his father's labor cutting turf bricks from a bog—and concludes with his own decision to work with a pen, not a shovel.

"Between my finger and my thumb

The squat pen rests.

I'll dig with it."

As Northern Ireland's sectarian divisions exploded into civil war in the early 1970s, Heaney's writing grew more sociological and political as he dug into the slippery psychology of his homeland.

Longtime friend comes up short in personal hygiene

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have had a friend since grade school, "Dennis," and have maintained a friendship with him throughout our lifetime. Dennis never married and lived with his parents until both died about 10 years ago. He now lives alone.

Dennis does not seem to want to take care of himself hygienically, and since we work together it is becoming a serious problem. Some of the other guys don't want to be around him. He doesn't bathe often enough or appear to brush his teeth daily.

I have tried repeatedly over the years to talk to him about his apparent lack of cleanliness, and now that he is almost 60, it is becoming unbearable. People are starting to avoid him.

Dennis is a good person and will do anything for anyone, but this lackadaisical attitude is something we can't overlook. How can I get it across to him? He just doesn't listen or take me seriously.

IN NEED OF FRESH AIR

DEAR IN NEED: Because Dennis' poor hygiene is affecting his relationship with his co-workers, the person to address the issue is his supervisor or boss. While Dennis may ignore or dismiss your attempts to help him, when he hears from his employers that he has to clean up his act, he may pay more attention.

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DEAR ABBY: For the past year I have been an old friend's lover. I'm a widow; he is married. I don't want him to leave his wife because she has been through a lot with him, including alcohol addiction. For the past few months he has given me excuses for not seeing me. We had gotten together on a weekly basis until recently.

I have all the emails and texts we have sent each other, along with pictures and a journal I have kept throughout the relationship. Should I send them to his wife? They have had a long marriage, and he has cheated on her repeatedly for the last 25 years.

I'm not ashamed or embarrassed about our affair. I just need to know if I should let his wife know what he has been doing. Yes, there is jealousy and revenge involved, and no, I haven't talked to him about what I suspect because I'm not sure how to broach the subject.

THE OTHER WOMAN IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR OTHER WOMAN: I know you are hurting right now, but I see no reason to punish the wife for it. I'm sure after all these years there is nothing you could show-and-tell the woman that she isn't already aware of—except that you, a friend, betrayed her. Leave her alone. If you want confirmation of your suspicions, take it up with your lover.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm entering high school. The one I'm transferring to is K-12, and my younger sister already goes there. She warned me that all the girls wear skirts and wearing pants is, basically, social suicide.

The problem is, I don't like skirts. I never have. Should I go with the flow and wear something I'm not comfortable in, or should I wear pants and give up all hope of making friends?

HUNG UP IN HOUSTON

DEAR HUNG UP: Start by wearing skirts for the first week or so and let the girls get to know you. See if what your sister said is true. After that, make up your own mind.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Lohan skips Venice to focus on health

VENICE, Italy (AP)—Lindsay Lohan says she skipped the Venice Film Festival to "focus on my health and well-being." Lohan wrote on her website Saturday that she never confirmed she would be in Venice to promote Paul Schrader's "The Canyons." She said would have enjoyed being at the festival, "but my focus is on my health and well-being. Plain and simple, it is of the utmost importance." Schrader declared himself "a free man" after she failed to show Friday, saying "for the last 16 months I've been hostage, by own choosing, to a very talented but unpredictable actress." He said she had confirmed she would be there.

Lohan, 27, has been plagued by legal and substance abuse problems in recent years. She completed her latest court-ordered stay in rehab in July.

Fox's O'Reilly: I made wrong claim about march

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly has apologized for incorrectly stating that no Republicans were invited to participate in a ceremony this week marking the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for civil rights and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. In fact, Republican House Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor were invited but did not attend. For-

mer President George W. Bush sent a statement in commemoration. O'Reilly had made the incorrect claim on Wednesday, the day of the ceremony. "The mistake—entirely on me," O'Reilly said on his show Thursday. "I simply assumed that since all the speakers were liberal Democrats, Republicans had been excluded. So here's the tip of the day: Always check out the facts before you make a definitive statement and when you make a mistake, admit it." O'Reilly said the Republicans made a mistake, too. He said they should have been there.

Beyonce closes first day of Jay-Z's Philly fest

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Beyonce closed the first day of her

husband Jay-Z's second annual music festival with a 90-minute set that featured hits like "Single Ladies" and "Crazy In Love." Beyonce was the headline performer Saturday at the "Budweiser Made In America" festival in Philadelphia at the Benjamin Franklin Parkway that included 50,000 fans. She was excited and energetic as she sang and danced to songs that satisfied the crowd. She closed with the pop ballad "Halo." Deadmau5, Phoenix, Imagine Dragons, 2 Chainz, Emeli Sande, HAIM and others performed Saturday. Nine Inch Nails, Calvin Harris, Queens of the Stone Age, Kendrick Lamar, Miguel and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis will perform Sunday.

Isner exits in US Open's 3rd round; 1 US man left



NEW YORK
(AP)—Trying to extend his stay at the U.S. Open,

John Isner smacked a return winner, then pointed his right index finger toward the Louis Armstrong Stadium stands and circled his arm overhead, riling up the fans.

Two points later, sprinting so far he nearly reached the seats, Isner hit a forehand that closed a point, punched the air and then shook his fists, doing his best Jimmy Connors imitation. Minutes after that, Isner cupped his hand to his ear, basking in the chants of "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

The highest-ranked American man finally heard the adulation he'd been hoping for a couple of days earlier, when he lamented that so many spectators cheered so vociferously for his French opponent. What the 13th-seeded Isner failed to do in return Saturday was deliver a victory in the third round at Flushing Meadows, meaning only one U.S. man remains of the 15 in the field.

Isner even blamed those exuberant attempts to stir the crowd for his struggles down the stretch of a 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5) loss to 22nd-seeded Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

"I felt like I wore myself out getting charged up out there," Isner said after bowing out against Kohlschreiber in New York for the second consecutive year. "I used too much energy, and I shouldn't have done that. It was stupid on my part. So I was pretty gassed there."

No such concerns about getting tired for Roger Federer. The 17-time Grand Slam champion worked quickly once again, beating 63rd-ranked Adrian Mannarino of France 6-3, 6-0, 6-2 in 1 hour, 21 minutes Saturday night to get to the fourth round in Flushing Meadows for the 13th consecutive year. Through three matches, Federer has dropped 21 games and spent a total of 4 1/2 hours on court.

Next for Federer is 19th-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain, who ended the run of 179th-ranked qualifier Daniel Evans of Britain 7-6 (6), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5. Win that, and Federer could face 12-time major champion Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals; the two rivals never have played each other in New York.

Aside from Isner, the other American man in action Saturday, 20-year-old Jack Sock, was beaten 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1, 6-2 by No. 18 Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia.

So the last man from the United States left is Tim Smyczek, a 25-year-old from Milwaukee who got into the main draw thanks to a wild-card invitation from the U.S. Tennis Association and plays 43rd-ranked Marcel Granollers of Spain in the third round Sunday. If Smyczek loses - a distinct possibility, considering he's ranked 109th and never before even made it



John Isner reacts after losing a point to Philipp Kohlschreiber, of Germany, during the third round of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, in New York.

past the second round at Grand Slam tournament—it will be the first time with zero U.S. men in the round of 16 at the country's tennis championship, which was first played in 1881.

"I don't care," said Isner, who double-faulted to get broken in the last game of the third set, then was broken again while serving for the fourth. "I'm going to watch football for a while. That's all I care about."

A loss by Smyczek also would make 2013 the first season with no Americans in the second week of any of the four major tournaments.

Even if Smyczek wins, it still would be only the second time there was just one American in the fourth round at the U.S. Open. The other? In 2009, when Isner was the lone one in the second week.

All part of the recent decline of American men's tennis.

At Wimbledon this year, for example, no men from the United States even got to the third round. That hadn't happened since 1912—when no Americans entered the tournament.

Then came this news: The ATP rankings of Aug. 12 did not contain a single U.S. representa-

tive in the top 20. Never in the 40 years of men's rankings had that been the case.

This edition of the U.S. Open is the 40th Grand Slam tournament since an American man won one of the sport's four most prestigious titles, a record drought that dates to Andy Roddick's 2003 championship in New York. That sort of gap used to be unimaginable for the nation of Bill Tilden and Don Budge, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

"Well, what shall I say? I think, yeah, it's bad luck," said

Kohlschreiber, whose next opponent is Nadal, a straight-set winner Saturday. "For sure, it's not great for the American history not to have a player in the second week. But you had so many good years."

There's a trio of Americans in the women's fourth round, because wild-card entry Alison Riske, who is ranked only 81st, eliminated 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 6-3, 6-0. The seventh-seeded Kvitova got her blood pressure checked by a trainer, then said afterward she had a virus and a fever.

"I've got a new confidence in myself," said Riske, a 23-year-old from Pittsburgh who is now based in College Park, Md. "I believe that I belong here."

There's no doubt the other two U.S. women who are left belong: No. 1 Serena Williams and No. 15 Sloane Stephens play each other Sunday with a quarterfinal berth on the line. Williams is seeking a fifth U.S. Open title and 17th Grand Slam singles trophy overall. Stephens is one of only three women to reach the round of 16 at every major tournament this year, and she beat Williams en route to the Australian Open semifinals.

Riske next faces Daniela Hantuchova, while other fourth-rounders set up Saturday are two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka against 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, No. 10 Roberta Vinci against unseeded Camila Giorgi in an all-Italian match, and No. 21 Simona Halep against Flavia Pennetta. The 136th-ranked Giorgi defeated 2009 U.S. Open runner-up Caroline Wozniacki, who was seeded sixth, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 at night.

Other men reaching the fourth round: No. 4 David Ferrer of Spain, No. 8 Richard Gasquet of France, and No. 10 Milos Raonic of Canada.

Raonic, the highest-ranked man in Canada's history, does not need to worry about the same kind of expectations that players such as Isner do.

"The relief, definitely, is there is obviously a lot more pressure on Americans," Raonic said. "I'm sort of doing a lot of stuff into uncharted territories, so people are very supportive of it, whereas I feel it's a little bit unfair to the American players. Everybody is expecting Pete and Agassi to be there on the top."

Tim Tebow biggest name among NFL cuts

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
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After a restless night, hundreds of NFL players nervously checked their cellphones Saturday morning, cringing every time it buzzed.

Tim Tebow was among those who got the dreaded call telling him to come see the coach and bring in his playbook.

Teams had to whittle their rosters to the 53-man maximum Saturday, and although his release wasn't a big surprise, Tebow was by far the biggest name among the notable cuts.

"I will remain in relentless pursuit of continuing my lifelong dream of being an NFL quarterback," an undaunted Tebow tweeted.

After being let go by his third team in 18 months—and with the season just five days away—the quarterback's chances of

immediately catching on with another team seem slim.

Several other veteran QBs also found themselves looking for work on this Labor Day weekend as the Giants released longtime backup David Carr, the Packers cut Vince Young and the Bills chopped Matt Leinart.

Other noteworthy cuts included:

- Eagles RG Danny Watkins
- 49ers LS Brian Jennings
- 49ers WR Austin Collie
- Panthers QB Jimmy Clausen

- Saints S Jim Leonhard
- Browns K Shayne Graham
- Chargers WR Robert Meachem

Those who made the 53-man rosters had a weekend respite before heading back to work Monday, except for the Broncos and Ravens, who kick off the season Thursday night in Denver.

The Broncos held meetings and a walk-through Saturday after final cuts were made. They'll practice Sunday, as will the Super Bowl champion Ravens, who are being forced to start the season on the road because baseball's Orioles wouldn't move their game in Baltimore that night.

Among Denver's cuts was veteran running back Lance Ball, paving the way for the injured C.J. Anderson of Cal to make the roster while the Broncos wait for him to recover from a sprained right MCL. That makes 10 straight seasons that an undrafted college free agent has made the Broncos' opening day roster.

Two teams have longer streaks: Indianapolis (15 years) and Kansas City (11). The Colts kept 27-year-old rookie line-backer Caesar Rayford, a veteran of the Arena and Canadian leagues, and QB Tyler Bray

made the Chiefs' roster.

"It's not an easy day because they all worked hard," Broncos boss John Elway said about the players who didn't make it. "We just don't have enough slots for everybody."

Every coach calls this the cruelest day of the year in pro football—even the Giants' Tom Coughlin, whose birthday was Saturday. But Sunday might prove worse as some bottom-rung players who barely had the chance to celebrate making the team get discharged in favor of waiver wire pickups.

Teams can also fill their eight-man practice squads Sunday.

This could be it for Tebow, the popular but polarizing player who has provided both his supporters and detractors with plenty of fodder during his 35-game NFL career that includes a 47.9 completion percentage, 17 touchdown throws, nine interceptions, a dozen TD runs and

15 fumbles.

Jettisoned by the Jets last winter, Tebow signed June 11 with New England, where the man who drafted him in Denver, Josh McDaniels, is the offensive coordinator. His three-month stay with the Patriots was decidedly lower key than his stints with the Broncos, whom he led to the playoffs in 2011, and Jets, but he still had trouble throwing the ball, posting a passer rating of just 47.2.

Tebow's last play with the Patriots, and perhaps in the NFL, was a 9-yard touchdown toss Thursday night to rookie free agent Quentin Sims with six seconds left against the Giants.

Now Tebow is out of work again and maybe out of chances.

"I can't predict that," Broncos coach John Fox said. "I wish nothing but the best for him, as I've said many times. He did a lot of good things for us, was great to this organization and to this coaching staff, myself included. So, I wish him nothing but the best."

Pirates beat Cardinals 7-1 to take NL Central lead



PITTSBURGH
(AP)—A.J.

Burnett scattered four hits over seven innings, Russell Martin hit a three-run homer and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-1 on Saturday night to regain sole possession of the NL Central lead.

Neil Walker added three hits for the Pirates, who improved to 79-56 and moved within three victories of their first winning season since 1992.

Burnett (7-9) gave up one run while striking out six and walking one. He received plenty of offensive help only hours after Pittsburgh acquired first baseman Justin Morneau from the Minnesota Twins.

Morneau arrived in the Pirates' dugout in the sixth inning. By then Pittsburgh had things well in hand. Martin keyed a five-run second with his drive off Lance Lynn (13-9).

The trade for Morneau marked the second big move by the Pirates in five days as they try to beat out St. Louis and Cincinnati in baseball's tightest division race. Pittsburgh brought in Marlon Byrd and John Buck from the New York Mets on Tuesday.

Dodgers 2, Padres 1

In Los Angeles, Adrian Gonzalez hit a tying single in the seventh inning, pinch-hitter Mark Ellis singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth and Los Angeles rallied to beat San Diego.

Just as the game ended, the Dodgers announced they had acquired third baseman Michael Young from the Philadelphia Phillies for minor league lefty Rob Rasmussen.

The Dodgers ended August with a 23-6 record, their most wins in a month since moving to Los Angeles in 1958. The club record of 25 was set in July 1947 and equaled in August 1953, when the team played in Brooklyn.

Brian Wilson (1-0) came on in relief to earn the victory — his first since joining the Dodgers last week. Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth for his 23rd save in 25 chances.

Nick Vincent (3-2) took the loss after relieving starter Andrew Cashner. Ronny Cedeno homered for the Padres.

Dodgers starter Chris Capuano struck out seven in seven innings.

Reds 8, Rockies 3

In Denver, Brandon Phillips tripled, homered and doubled in his first three at-bats, Greg Reynolds beat his former team for his first major league win in two years, and Cincinnati defeated Colorado.

Phillips scored three runs, drove in two and just missed becoming the first Reds player to hit for the cycle since Eric Davis against San Diego on June 2, 1989.

Phillips connected in the third



Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher A.J. Burnett (34) delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals in Pittsburgh Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013.

off Juan Nicasio (8-7) for his 17th home run.

Colorado's Todd Helton remained one hit shy of 2,500, going 0 for 4 with three strikeouts a night after homering twice and matching a career high with six RBIs.

Making his second start since being recalled from Triple-A Louisville to fill in for injured Tony Cingrani, Reynolds (1-2) allowed three runs on seven hits over eight innings in his first career start against the Rockies, who drafted him in the first round in 2006.

He fanned five, striking out the side in the seventh, and walked none in his first big league win since July 2, 2011, against Kansas City while with the Rockies.

Braves 5, Marlins 4, 11 innings

In Atlanta, B.J. Upton had four hits, including the game-winning single in the 11th inning, and Atlanta beat Miami for its sixth straight win.

Upton, who entered the game hitting only .186, had a two-run homer and three singles after striking out in his first two at-bats. The single in the 11th off Ryan Webb (1-5) drove in pinch-runner Paul Janish from second base.

With one out in the 11th, Chris Johnson singled up the middle for his fourth hit.

Luis Ayala (1-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Upton hit his first homer since June 15.

Justin Ruggiano and Giancarlo Stanton homered for the Marlins, who have lost six straight.

Jacob Turner, who tied a Marlins record with three errors, couldn't hold a 3-1 lead.

Cubs 4, Phillies 3

In Chicago, Starlin Castro hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning to lead Chicago over Philadelphia.

Cole Gillespie drove in two runs for the Cubs, who earned their fourth win in 20 home games since the All-Star break.

Castro connected off Zach Miner (0-1) for his eighth homer and first since July 31 against Milwaukee.

Michael Young had three more hits for Philadelphia, hours before he was traded to the Dodgers. Kevin Frandsen homered for the second straight day, but Philadelphia dropped to 9-7 under interim manager and former Cubs second baseman Ryne Sandberg.

Carlos Villanueva (3-8) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win and Kevin Gregg got his 28th save in 33 chances. Five Cubs relievers combined for four innings of two-hit ball.

Mets 11, Nationals 3

In Washington, Zack Wheeler pitched effectively into the seventh inning and New York piled up a season-high 17 hits in routing Washington.

Eric Young Jr., Daniel Murphy, Josh Satin and Juan Lagares had three hits apiece for the Mets, who scored 11 runs for the second time in three days and won their third straight.

The news wasn't all good for the injury-riddled Mets, though. First baseman Ike Davis left with a strained muscle on his right side after hitting a sacrifice fly in the third.

Wheeler (7-3) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. Since the start of July, the touted rookie is 6-2 with a 2.96 ERA.

The Nationals dropped 7½ games behind Cincinnati for the second NL wild card. Denard Span had three hits for Washington, extending his hitting streak to 14 games.

Dan Haren (8-12) allowed seven runs and nine hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

The Mets have won 10 of Wheeler's 14 starts, and he improved to 5-0 with a 2.19 ERA on the road.

Diamondbacks 4, Giants 3

In Phoenix, Eric Chavez hit the first pitch he saw in the ninth in-

ning for a run-scoring single, lifting Arizona over San Francisco for its latest walk-off victory.

Willie Bloomquist singled off Sandy Rosario (3-2) for his third hit and moved up on Adam Eaton's sacrifice bunt. After an intentional walk to Paul Goldschmidt, Chavez lined a single into left-center for his fifth career game-ending hit.

Brad Ziegler (8-1) worked a perfect ninth to set up Arizona's 12th walk-off victory this season and 29th comeback win.

Gregor Blanco hit a solo homer and Hunter Pence had three hits for the Giants.

Angels 6, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, pinch-hitter Hank Conger came through with a two-run homer in the ninth inning off closer Jim Henderson that sent Los Angeles past Milwaukee.

The Brewers had been 50-0 this season when leading after eight innings, the only team in the majors without a loss.

Henderson (3-4) retired his first two batters in the ninth before pinch-hitter Josh Hamilton doubled off the glove of sliding right fielder Caleb Gindie. Conger followed with his seventh home run.

Dane Da La Rosa (6-1) pitched a perfect eighth and Ernesto Frieri earned his 29th save in 33 chances.

Jonathan Lucroy drove in four runs and scored another for the Brewers.

Yankees 2, Orioles 0

In New York, Ivan Nova threw a three-hitter for his first career shutout and Robinson Cano supplied the offense as the New York Yankees edged Baltimore for their second straight win over the Orioles.

Nova (8-4) outworked Scott Feldman in an efficient 104-pitch outing for his second complete game, helping the Yankees move past their division rival by a half-game in the AL wild-card chase. New York entered the final day of August trailing Tampa Bay by 4½ games. Baltimore trailed

by four.

The Yankees were looking for another big offensive day after beating Baltimore 8-5 on Friday night. But Alex Rodriguez was scratched due to flu-like symptoms and Feldman (4-4) shut New York down allowing a leadoff double to Brett Gardner and Cano's RBI double in the first.

Cano later drilled a line drive to right field off Troy Patton leading off the eighth for his 25th home run.

Feldman yielded six hits in seven innings.

Tigers 10, Indians 5

In Detroit, Omar Infante homered twice and drove in five runs to power Detroit to its third consecutive win.

The Tigers stretched their lead in the AL Central to 8½ games over the second-place Indians despite playing without slugger Miguel Cabrera, who was sidelined by irritation of the abdominal area. The team says the reigning AL MVP is day to day.

Infante hit a three-run homer in the second and a two-run shot in the sixth for Detroit, which has won seven in a row against Cleveland to improve to 15-3 against the Indians this year.

Yan Gomes homered in the seventh and Carlos Santana added a two-run inside-the-park home run for the Indians, who have lost five in a row.

Tigers starter Anibal Sanchez (12-7) allowed three runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Cleveland starter Scott Kazmir (7-7) gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Red Sox 7, White Sox 2

In Boston, Jake Peavy pitched seven strong innings against his former team, Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits and the Red Sox won for the sixth time in seven games.

Ellsbury also scored twice and drove in a run for the AL East leaders. David Ortiz, who snapped an 0-for-23 stretch with a two-run single in Friday's win, went 2 for 4 with a walk and an RBI in Boston's 15-hit attack.

Peavy (11-5) allowed two runs and five singles in his sixth start for the Red Sox, who acquired the right-hander in a three-team deal on July 30.

Chicago, last in the AL Central, had won 10 of 12 before dropping the first two of a three-game series against Boston. John Danks (4-11) gave up six runs, five earned, and 11 hits over five innings.

Athletics 2, Rays 1

In Oakland, Calif., Coco Crisp had three hits, including a home run, and drove in two runs, Sonny Gray threw 6 2-3 stellar innings, and Oakland beat Tampa Bay.

Gray (2-2) allowed five hits, walked one and struck out seven and the A's won their fifth in six games to remain two games be-

hind the Texas Rangers in the AL West.

James Loney had two hits for the Rays, who fell for the sixth time in seven games and fell 4½ games behind the Boston Red Sox in the AL East.

The A's and Rays are the top two teams in the AL wild-card race.

Alex Cobb (8-3) lost for the first time since April 30 despite allowing two runs and five hits. He walked four and struck out seven.

Rangers 2, Wwins 1

In Arlington, Texas, Leonys Martin hit a game-winning bases-loaded single with two outs in the ninth inning to give Texas a victory over Minnesota.

Alex Rios doubled with one out against losing pitcher Caleb Thielbar (2-2).

Two walks and one out later, Martin sent a ground ball past Brian Duensing, the Twins' third pitcher of the inning, to send Rios home.

Starting pitchers Matt Garza of the Rangers and Mike Pelfrey each gave up a first-inning run before shutting out their opponent over the next six innings.

Brian Dozier led off the game with his 15th home run, a season record for a Minnesota second baseman.

Adrian Beltre's sacrifice fly following two singles allowed Texas to tie the score 1-1 in the bottom of the first inning.

Blue Jays 4, Royals 2

In Toronto, Brett Lawrie drove in the tiebreaking run with a bases-loaded walk in the eighth inning, helping Toronto rally for the win.

Toronto batted around while scoring three unearned runs in the eighth against four relievers. Kansas City shortstop Alcides Escobar helped the Blue Jays with a key error.

The late rally made a winner of knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (11-12), who allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings. Casey Janssen finished for his 26th save in 28 chances, with pinch runner Chris Getz thrown out trying to steal second for the final out.

Mariners 3, Astros 1

In Houston, Joe Saunders pitched neatly into the sixth inning for his first win in a month, and Seattle earned its third consecutive victory.

Kendrys Morales, Nick Franklin and Dustin Ackley each drove in a run for the Mariners, who had lost six in a row before the series against the major league-worst Astros. They will have Hisashi Iwakuma on the mound when they go for a series sweep.

Saunders (11-13) yielded an unearned run and six hits over 5 1-3 innings in his first win since Aug. 4 at Baltimore. The left-hander was 0-3 with an 8.31 ERA in his previous four starts.

Garcia grabs the lead in Boston



NORTON, Mass. (AP)—Sergio Garcia opened with five birdies in seven holes, closed with an eagle, and wound up as the guy everyone was chasing Saturday at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

By everyone, that means 28 players within six shots of his lead with 36 holes to play.

And somehow, that includes Phil Mickelson.

On another day of soft conditions and plenty of birdies on the TPC Boston, Garcia had a 7-under 64 during a cool, cloudy morning that stood up for the 36-hole lead when the long and wild afternoon was over. The Spaniard was at 13-under 129, one short of the tournament record. He had a one-shot lead over Roberto Castro and Henrik Stenson.

Tiger Woods, in the 1-2-3 grouping with Mickelson and Adam Scott that attracted a massive crowd standing three-deep in spots, made a 35-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a 67 and was among those within six shots of the lead.

Mickelson, however, managed to steal the show with a 71. And this was no ordinary 71.

“I was playing terrible, and I shot even par,” Mickelson said. “I could easily have shot myself out of the tournament. I got it in the hazard I don’t know how many times. If I go on and play the way I believe I’m going to this weekend, I’m going to look back at those nine holes as the key to the entire tournament.”

Lefty went on some kind of crazy ride, completely losing his swing during one stretch when he looked closer to hitting Rhode Island than hitting a fairway. He drove left into the hazard on No. 9, way right into the hazard on No. 10 and would have found another hazard on the par-3 11th except for hitting a tree.

He hit into the gallery to the left on No. 12 and into the gallery to the right on No. 13. His tee shot on the par-3 16th came up short and into the water for double bogey. Mickelson closed with two birdies for a 71 and was five shots behind.

“It’s embarrassing to hit

shots like that, and to have a bunch of people out there, playing with Tiger and having every shot exposed on TV ... you know, it’s embarrassing,” Mickelson said. “But we all have our moments like that. And you just have to deal with it.”

His recovery shot on the 11th was so good that Mickelson didn’t bother explaining it. From a patchy lie, just inside 100 feet from the flag, the pin close to the edge, he took a full, hard swing with a wedge and hit it with so much spin that it rolled back to a few feet of the cup.

“To go ahead and try to play that shot with that much speed, and (he) didn’t have a whole lot of room up there ... but he pulled it off,” Woods said. “And then he was struggling through that little stretch there. But he held the round together, and had a nice finish at the end.”

Asked about the shot at No. 11, Mickelson replied, “I could describe it, but nobody is going to understand that. It was a really good shot.”

He later tried. He mentioned the angle of attack and the angle of the face on the wedge and the weight ... and then he gave up on the explanation.

“It’s not a very high percentage shot,” he said.

And just think—the second event in the FedEx Cup playoffs is not even half over.

Stenson often refers to tournaments as three-and-a-half days of a marathon just to get to the back nine for a chance to win. If that’s the case, this is starting to feel like a marathon with a 4-minute mile pace.

The cut was at 1-under 141, ending the season for some players who have no chance of being in the top 70 in the FedEx Cup to advance to the third playoff event in two weeks north of Chicago.

Woods didn’t feel as though he got much out of his round, and a radio reporter suggested he might be capable of a round lower than 65 if he puts it all together.

“There’s going to have to be to get back into this thing,” Woods said. “There’s so many guys up there that are 9-under

par or better. There’s a ton of guys up there. It’s going to take a couple of low rounds.”

Stenson had eight birdies and a clean card in his round of 63. Castro was 7 under for his round at the turn and had to settle for a 65 after a rough patch in the middle of his back nine. Matt Kuchar and PGA champion Jason Dufner each had 66 and were three shots behind. Justin Rose had a 63 and was another shot back, along with Jordan Spieth, who had a 66.

Garcia is not a regular at the second FedEx Cup playoff event. He prefers to take this week off to rest, but he couldn’t guarantee that he would be among the top 70 in the standings after the Deutsche Bank Championship who will advance to the third event.

So far, it looks like a good move.

“Unfortunately, I didn’t play well enough and it was touch-and-go if I was going to make the BMW without playing here,” said Garcia, who is at No. 55. “Sixteen guys could easily pass me if they played well. So we decided to come

here and make a little bit of an extra effort of playing five weeks in a row, which I don’t usually enjoy very much.”

Garcia looked as if he would be much higher in the FedEx Cup standings earlier this year, when he had top 10s in a World Golf Championship, the Masters and The Players Championship. But his year took a bad turn off the course. During a two-week spat with Woods that began at The Players Championship, Garcia jokingly said during a Q-and-A at an awards dinner in London that he would invite Woods over during for dinner during the U.S. Open and serve fried chicken.

He apologized the next day, though he was clearly rattled. Garcia hasn’t finished in the top 20 since.

“Everything has been kind of a little difficult, but it’s good,” Garcia said. “It’s been a good learning experience. So I think that you always have to try to take the positives out of all those things and learn from your mistakes. And hopefully, (they) make you a better player, a better person.”

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of the DLX caging also played at the Gualo Rai court early this year before losing the crown in June to the San Roque Bandits.

The core of the runner-up squad suited up for the inaugural DL Corp. league and teamed up with new recruit Ralph Francisco, who played a solid game in the finals to help Adobo win the most important match of the season.

Francisco sizzled for 23 points, including 13 in the pivotal third quarter to spark Adobo’s rally. The third period started with Adobo behind by 9, 26-35, but the complexion of the game changed, as Francisco waxed hot from downtown, beginning

and ending the third with triples. The Adobo shooting guard went on to connect three shots from beyond the arc to put his team on top after three periods, 53-44. Lester Vertudez also did his share in shifting the momentum to Adobo’s side, as he added 8 points in the third period.

RadioCom, which grabbed the upper hand in the second canto after a standoff in the first quarter, 13-all, collapsed at the start of the final half as it was held to four field goals in the third period. Only Perry Inos made more than one field goal for the disorganized RadioCom. Justin Zapanta, who finished the half with 10 points, was scoreless in the third quarter meltdown, while Rocyl Ritual still failed to find his form in the third contribut-

ing only 2 points.

Ritual finally showed up in the fourth with a string of points, but he had only Inos to back him up, while Vertudez continued his consistent offense and Adobo got a big lift from Adrian Palacios after Francisco became a marked man in the payoff period. Palacios started in the fourth and drilled 12 of his 16 points, including the last four free throws that iced it for Adobo. Vertudez added 9 more in the final canto, firing 7 straight points in the first half of the fourth frame to keep Adobo’s distance.

Adobo and RadioCom set up their finals duel after eliminating separate foes last Friday. Adobo secured the first finals seat after slipping past Sister Market in the opening Final

Four pairing, 56-54, while RadioCom downed Mawati in the second semis duel, 69-61.

Both Adobo and RadioCom received trophies during the brief awards ceremony held after the finals. Adobo also received a set of uniforms, bearing the name of DL Corp. champion (Season 1). League commissioner Sonny Ebuena said Adobo will use the uniforms when it defends its title next season.

Adobo 77 — Francisco 23, Vertudez 17, Palacios 16, Deleon Guerrero 10, Saturno 6, Dela Cruz 4,

RadioCom 67 — Inos 16, Ritual 13, Zapanta 10, Standish 9, Isip 6, Salas 5, Metran 4, Pantaleon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-13, 26-35, 53-44, 77-67.

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dropped to a 0-3 record, were called for the first out after Ricardo Dela Cruz was beaten to first. Keene Deleon Guerrero was next at bat, singled, and stole second base, but was left stranded, as Sakisat struck out third batter Quinton Deleon Guerero and Paul Celis was booted out on a 5-3 putout play.

Jones, Iskawa, and Sakisat all went 2-for-4 at bat to put the Yankees in the win column in the seven-team field. Sakisat added two runs and one RBI, while Roke Tenorio also scored two runs for the Yankees despite hitting only 1-for-4.

Padres 12, Dodgers 3

In the other game last Friday, the Padres cruised to victory over the Dodgers to remain undefeated in six games. The Dodgers fell to a 1-3 slate.

The Padres scored in each inning to dominate the match. Patrick Tenorio and Henry Rabauliman both went 2-for-5 at bat and combined for three runs, while Kier Agda was 2-for-4

and contributed two runs. Jared Sablan also hit 2-for-4 at the plate and made two runs, two RBIs, and one double. Lancaster Secharmidal was 2-for-3 and added one run.

The Padres used four pitchers—Mike Muna, Virgil Secharmidal, Kainoa Wanket, and Angel Palacios—and all were steady on the mound, limiting the Dodgers to no more than one run in the three innings they scored.

The Dodgers got their first run at the bottom of the first off a Padres’ error, but had two runners stranded, as Muna struck out one batter and two field out. A Brian Camacho RBI single in the third gave the Dodgers their second run and they had a chance to score more with the bases loaded and only one out, but Muna got his second strikeout, while Steven Cabrera went back to the dugout on a 5-3 putout play.

The Dodgers also loaded the bases in the sixth inning after getting an RBI double from Steven Cabrera, but no one reached home, as Wanket struck out Camacho and Cabrera and Cedric Camacho went out on a double play.

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played against Paire’s U8 team in first game, versus U10 in the second, and U12 in the third. Although, scores were not officially recorded in the friendly games, Tinian managed to keep up with the much-experienced players of Paire in the first two age group matches, while in the last game the visitors made several defensive stops and a couple of offensive attacks.

“You could see right from the opening match that Tinian players were really excited to play their first game against a team. There were cheering loud and telling their players to go on every time they went to attack. Paire is very pleased to host Tinian players,” Paire FC director Derek Chambers said.

“We would like to thank Paire

for being such a great host,” said Mendiola-Long, who later led the visitors in receiving a donation from Saipan Soccer School and Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Tinian got 20 soccer balls and 15 draw string bags, which they can use while conducting training/practice sessions and actual games.

Saipan Soccer School’s Jerry Tan, who is also the president of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, led the donation turnover ceremony. Joining Tan in the ceremony were SSS coaches and staff Jershwin Angeles, Angie Ito, Russelle Zapanta, and Irish Pagarao, Tan Siu Lin Foundation’s Maggie Sablan and Merlie Tolentino, and NMIFA technical director Johann Noetzel, who also talked to the visiting players while on the sidelines watching the games.

“We appreciate your and your wife’s efforts in introducing and

developing soccer on Tinian. We know it is tough to start a club, but with your leadership and the help of the players’ parents, we know Tinian will have a strong soccer program,” Tan said.

Joining NMIFA fall league

Meanwhile, Mendiola-Long said the club will be sending a team every weekend to participate in the 2013 NMIFA Fall Youth League.

“The club was established only in July, so we are still learning our ways through competition outside Tinian. We talked with the NMIFA youth committee and told them we will be sending one age group team every week to play against club teams in the fall league. Right now we have U6, U8, U10, and U12 teams. When school starts, we will soon recruit U15 players so we can form teams and

also send them to Saipan,” said Mendiola-Long, who thanked his wife for spearheading the creation of a soccer club on Tinian though the help of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Mendiola-Long said the club started through her wife’s vision of combating obesity problems among the youth. The coach added her wife want to get Tinian youth involved in things that will get them active, so she thought of sports. Arlene went on to help secure a grant that put Tinian youth in an after school program (thought the help of DCCA) and soon more children started coming in and joining soccer clinics and training sessions.

“Now we have over 90 players and we expect the number to grow. It’s nice to see Tinian kids getting active, playing sports, and learning skills on and off the pitch,” Mendiola-Long said.

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MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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Boston	81	56	.591	—
Tampa Bay	75	59	.560	4 1/2
New York	72	63	.533	8
Baltimore	71	63	.530	8 1/2
Toronto	62	74	.456	18 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	80	56	.588	—
Cleveland	71	64	.526	8 1/2
Kansas City	69	66	.511	10 1/2
Minnesota	58	76	.433	21
Chicago	56	78	.418	23
West Division				
Texas	79	56	.585	—
Oakland	77	58	.570	2
Los Angeles	62	72	.463	16 1/2
Seattle	62	73	.459	17
Houston	44	91	.326	35
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	83	52	.615	—
Washington	68	67	.504	15
New York	62	72	.463	20 1/2
Philadelphia	62	74	.456	21 1/2
Miami	49	85	.366	33 1/2
Central Division				
Pittsburgh	79	56	.585	—
St. Louis	78	57	.578	1
Cincinnati	76	60	.559	3 1/2
Milwaukee	59	76	.437	20
Chicago	57	78	.422	22
West Division				
Los Angeles	80	55	.593	—
Arizona	69	65	.515	10 1/2
Colorado	64	73	.467	17
San Diego	60	75	.444	20
San Francisco	60	75	.444	20
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Weekend Sports

Players, teams race for playoff berths

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Two tournaments on Saipan entered their homestretch, as participants battled for playoff berths.

In the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic, singles and doubles players battled for the semifinal berths in the men's and women's singles A,

B,C, and doubles A, B, C, and 35-and-above after the elimination games were completed at the TSL Sports Complex.

Favored players went on to nail early semis slots. The list included Hannah Choi, Andreau Galvez, siblings Janelle and Jordan Pangilinan, Jexler Caranto, and Ferdie Arago.

In the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League,

Mawati and Sister Market completed the semis cast, which also had Adobo and RadioCom. Then after last Friday's matches, the league was down to only two teams with Adobo ousting Sister Market and RadioCom booting Mawati.

Other notable events last week were Padres' winning streak in the 2nd Annual Tri-

ple A Youth Baseball League, DYS' victory over KFC/Taco Bell in the Rotary U15 division and the S.J. Ol'Aces' run in the U19 age group, and the CNMI Junior Tennis Team's final tournament in Fiji.

The Padres went 5-0 in the Triple A tournament after shutting out the Cardinals, 14-0. Other winners in the Triple A league last week were the

Braves and the Yankees.

In the Rotary caging, DYS won the battle of unbeaten teams, 38-36. D.J. Ong made the winning basket for DYS, while the Ol'Aces and Rollers prevailed in the other games in the U15 division. In the 19, the S.J. Ol'Aces remained perfect, getting its fourth victory over the COPSSA Warriors, while Proa/Mariana Resort and the

Sonics also triumphed in the two other U19 matches.

In tennis, the CNMI competed in the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate in Fiji with Amami Sakano handing the Commonwealth a gold medal after winning in the senior boys finals against Tahiti's Manoa Desvignes. Negahr Rastguiy also made it to the finals, but lost to Tonga's Sisilia Laumanu Teu.



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An Ol'Aces player looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as he faces three Kagman Cougars defenders at the baseline during their game in the U19 division of the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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Fong Fliptop's Kevin De Leon pulls up for a jumper during their playoff game against Mawati in the DL Corp. caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



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Mawati's Francis Serrano fakes of the defense of Fong Fliptop's Chris Mizer during their playoff game in the DL Corp. caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



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The Braves' Peter Lieto, left, gets a hi-give from coach Mike Pangilinan during their game against the Tigers in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League last weekend at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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DL Corp. caging officials pose for a group photo after the title game between Adobo and RadioCom last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



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Ezekiel Macario reaches in for the shuttlecock during his Class B singles title match against Jordan Pangilinan in the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.



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An Ol'Aces player drives against two Rebelholics defenders during their game in the U15 division of the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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Cardinals 7-1
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Adobo bags DL Corp. caging crown



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Adobo players pose with their trophy, new uniforms, and DL Corp. league officials after beating RadioCom, 77-67, in the winner-take-all finals last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Adobo ruled the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after beating RadioCom in the winner-take-all finale, 77-67, last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



Adobo turned things around in third quarter after facing a 9-point deficit at the break to win its second championship in less than a year. Adobo was the champion

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Tinian soccer players debut, get donation



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Tinian players, coaches, and parents pose with Saipan Soccer School and Tan Siu Lin Foundation officials during a donation turnover ceremony last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

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Players of the fledgling Tinian Premier Football Club got their first taste of com-

petition last Saturday as they challenged Paire Football Club in three friendly games at the Koblerville Elementary School.

"Our kids had a tremendous time, they were very happy to play their very first organized

game. Our kids have been playing among themselves for only over a month and these series of friendly games was a good opportunity for them to use the skills they learned from a short period of time from our prac-

tices," coach Philip Mendiola-Long said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the match.

Mendiola-Long and his wife Arlene brought 60 Tinian players to Saipan and the visitors

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Yankees get first win, nip Tigers

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The Yankees snapped their three-game losing skid after pulling off a 7-6 victory over the Tigers in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League last Friday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Yankees entered the win column after grabbing the lead at the top of the seventh inning and scoring five runs. Darion Jones was credited for two of

those runs, as his single drove Greg Iskawa and Zeno Dela Cruz home and the latter also scored the go-ahead run off a Tigers' error. The Yankees, who were behind, 2-6, after six complete innings, also got an RBI single from Iskawa in the crucial top of the seventh, while the other run was made off a fielder's choice.

Now on top, closer M.J. Sakisat and the rest of the Yankees' defense kept the Tigers in check in the last inning to save the win. The Tigers, who

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The Yankees' Darion Jones pitches against the Padres in an earlier game in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.